Dark Horse Comics

OUTLANDERS

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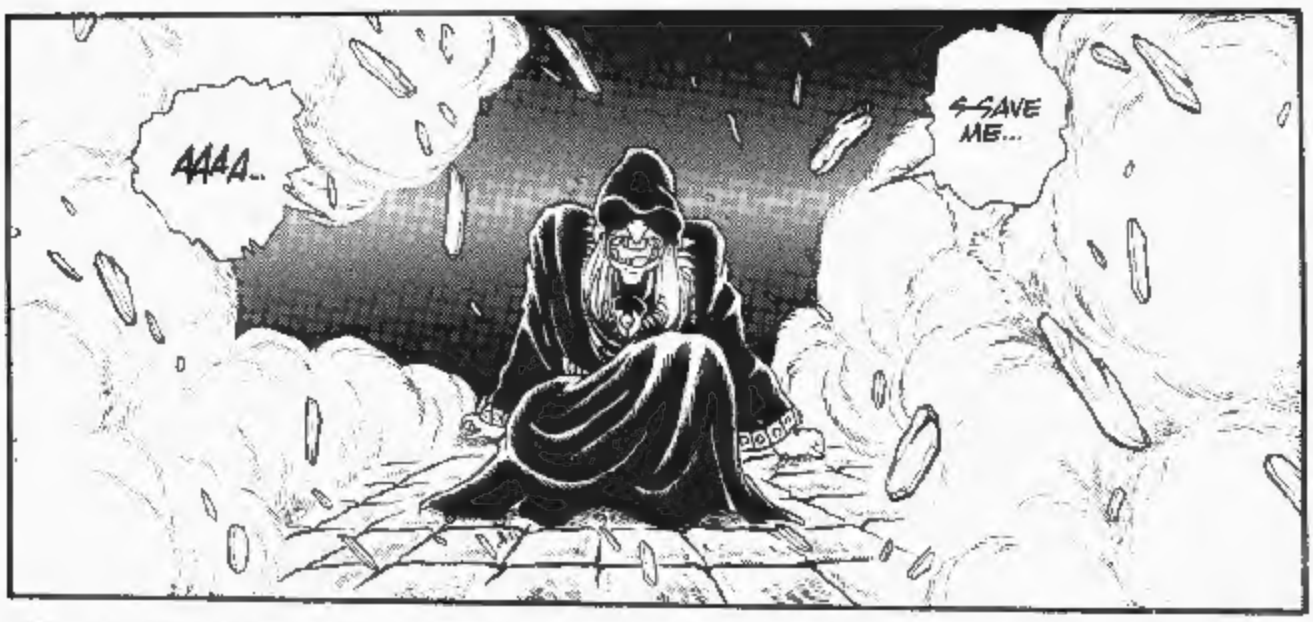
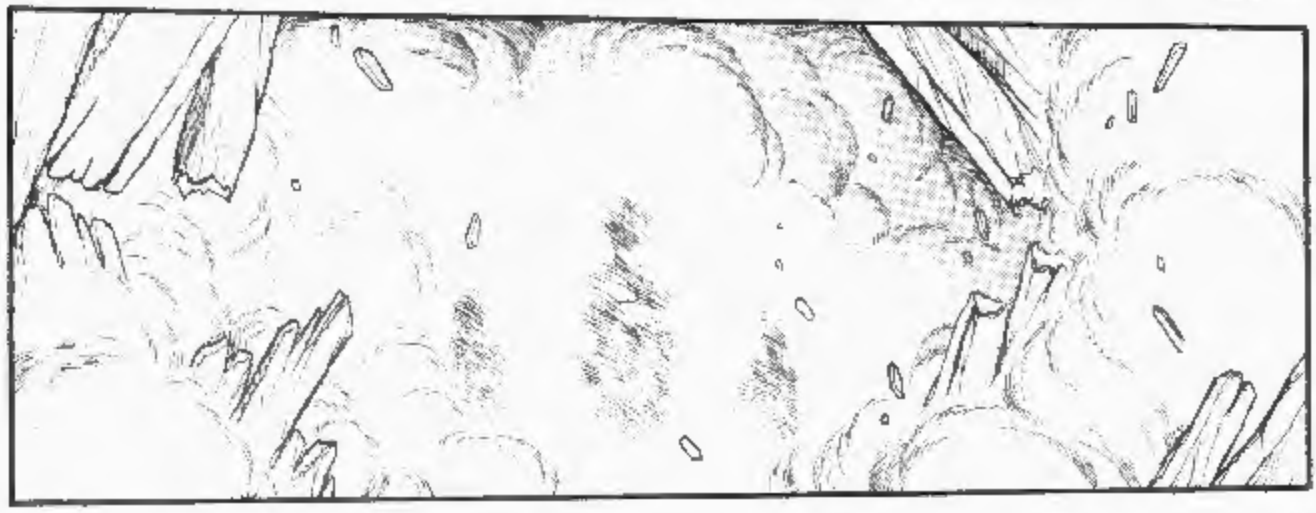
THE DEMON OF SPACE...
THE DEVIL IS COMING...

COMING TO DESTROY ME...
...AND TO STEAL MY KEY-- THE KEY OF GRACIALE!

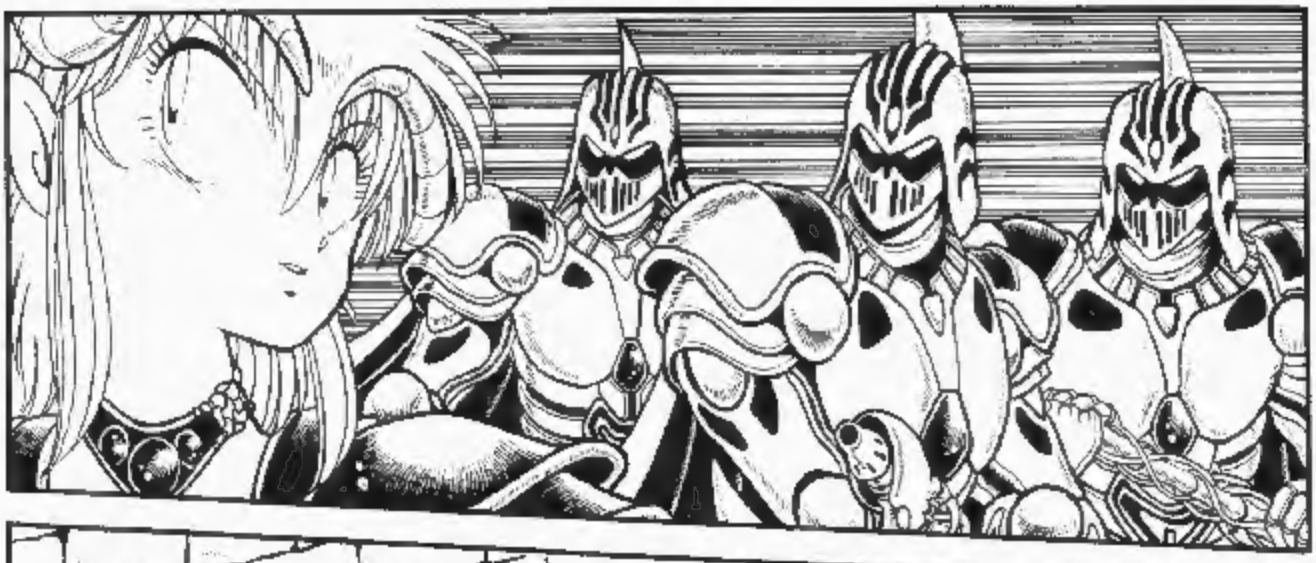
WHAM
BOOM
BOOM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
AIEEEE!
WHKROOM


AAAA..
S-SAVE ME...



CRAK

FINDERS KEEPERS!



SO YOU'VE BEEN COWERING DOWN IN THIS DUNGEON, EH?
HMPH! THE "GREAT SORCERER" GIRUK, HIDING LIKE A RAT!

HAND OVER THE KEY, WORM.
THAT IS, IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE...

THE CURSES OF THE PIT UPON YOU, SANTOVASKU DEVIL!
YOU'LL NEVER POSSESS THE KEY OF GRACIALE!

NEVER!!

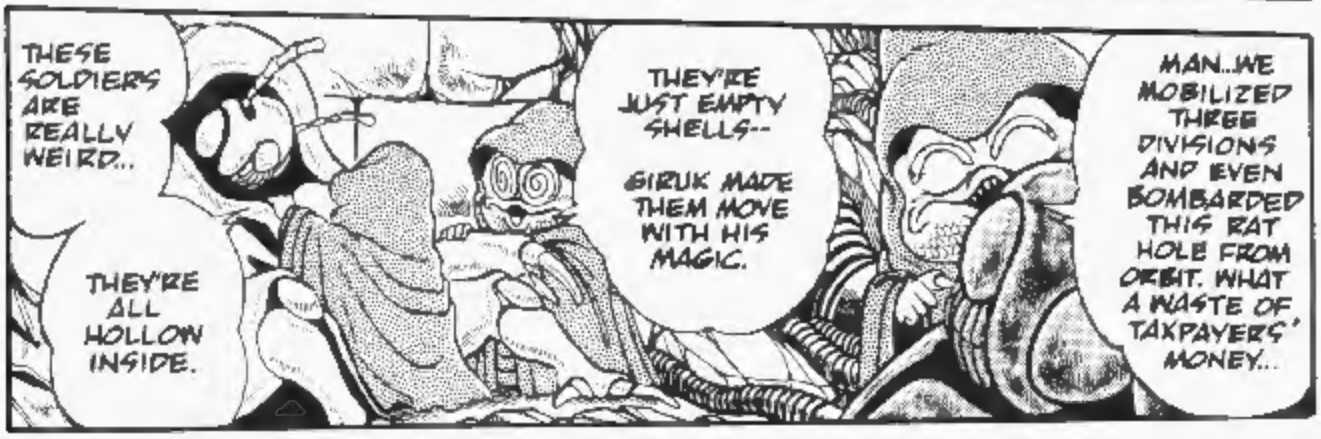
WHCHOK
FWDD
HAH! YELLOW-BELLIED SPAWN OF HELL!
AAAARGH!
THINK AGAIN ABOUT WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH, SORCERER!

KYAHAHA! I DID IT!
I'VE GOT THE KEY OF GRACIALE, TOTEM OF POWER, BEARER OF GOOD FORTUNE!
LOOK WELL, GIRUK! THE KEY'S FOUND ITSELF A WORTHY MISTRESS AT LAST!
IT WOULD NEVER WORK FOR A FOUL-HEARTED CREATURE LIKE YOURSELF!
STILL, IT WAS A PATHETIC BATTLE.
A BUNCH OF PUPPET SOLDIERS IN A SCABBY LITTLE CASTLE...
HM, AH!
AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE, ONE MOTH-EATEN SORCERER.
!
!!
?
AH!!

DON'T THINK THAT YOU'VE PREVAILED OVER ME, PRINCESS KAHM OF THE SANTOYASKU ?
VVVNNNN
I CANNOT SO EASILY BE DEFEATED !
NO MATTER HOW STRONG MY ENEMIES!
I SHALL HAVE THE KEY BACK, YOU WITLESS FOOL, AND YOU SHALL YET GROVEL BEFORE ME!!
!
HE-- HE'S GONE !?
....
ALL RIGHT, MEN!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU IDIOTS!
Y-YES, YOUR HIGHNESS!
HE'S GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THIS CASTLE.
FIND HIM!!

IT WAS THREE YEARS EARLIER THAT THE RUMORS FIRST REACHED THE IMPERIAL PLANET--RUMORS OF A MYSTERIOUS "KEY," THE KEY OF GRACIALE--SAID TO BEQUEATH TO ITS OWNER TREMENDOUS MAGICAL POWERS.
THE KEY WAS TO BE FOUND ON PLANET HELSGARD, OR SO IT WAS SAID. THERE IT WAS HELD IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE INFAMOUS BLACK SORCERER, GIRUK...
THE EMPEROR OF THE SANTOVASKU GALACTIC EMPIRE DESIRED THAT LEGENDARY KEY. AND THUS HE SENT HIS OWN DAUGHTER TO HELSGARD, THERE TO BESIEGE GIRUK'S KEEP AND BRING BACK THE KEY...
THERE'S NOTHING AT ALL IN THIS DUMB CASTLE.
NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF DEAD SOLDIERS.

PRINCESS KAHM SAID IT WOULD BE FULL OF THE SORCERER'S STOLEN BOOTY...
KANG
WELL, WE'VE GOT TO FIND SOMETHING OR SHE'LL BLOW HER TOP...


THESE SOLDIERS ARE REALLY WEIRD...
THEY'RE ALL HOLLOW INSIDE.
THEY'RE JUST EMPTY SHELLS--
GIRUK MADE THEM MOVE WITH HIS MAGIC.
MAN...WE MOBILIZED THREE DIVISIONS AND EVEN BOMBARDED THIS RAT HOLE FROM ORBIT. WHAT A WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY...

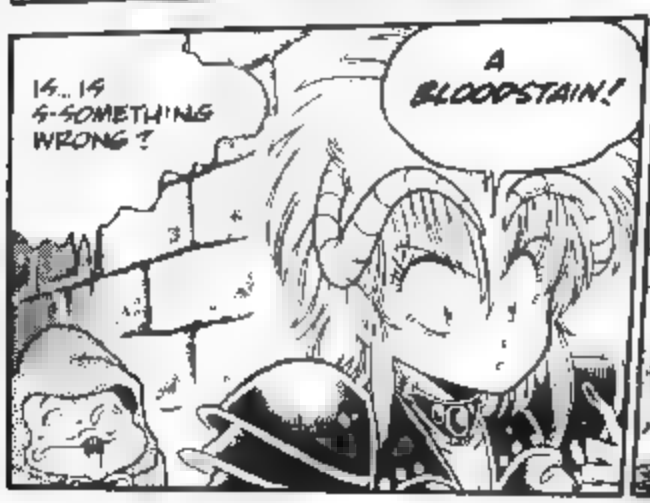
GEE, BOSS... EVEN WE COULD BEAT AN ENEMY LIKE THIS, RIGHT, BOSS?
OF COURSE WE COULD, MEGANE, MY LAD! BWAHAHA!

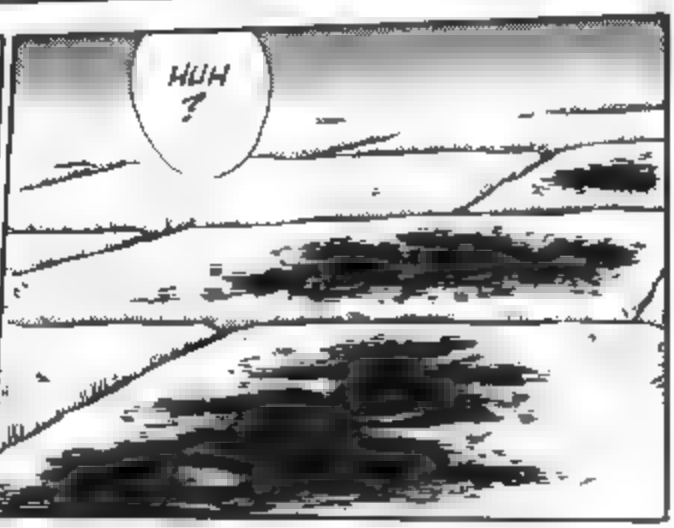
GIRUK, DAMN YOU!
COME OUT AND FIGHT, YOU SNIVELING COWARD !!
SKRASSH
UH, OH... IT'S THE PRINCESS, ALREADY...

CURSE HIS BONES... I SHOULD HAVE CARVED HIM TO QUIVERING BITS WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE!!
THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR SPARING THE LIFE OF SUCH A DEVIOUS CUR!

HOORAY FOR PRINCESS KAHM!!

GET OUT OF MY WAY!! YOU'RE BLOCKING THE HALL!!
WHSSSH
YEEEK!


IS.. IS S-SOMETHING WRONG?
A BLOODSTAIN!


HUH?

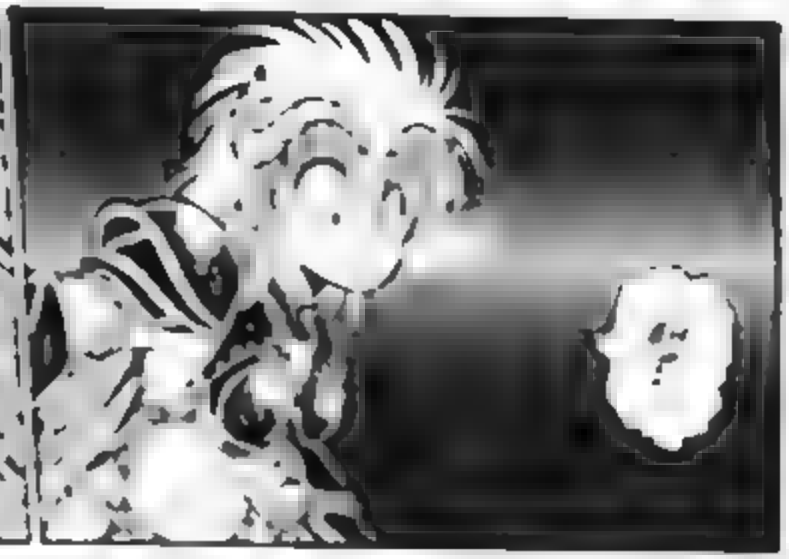
UHM, B-BUT AREN'T THERE ALWAYS BLOODSTAINS ON A BATTLEFIELD?
IDIOT! IT'S THE KIND OF BLOODSTAIN!

THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY LEFT BY THE HEM OF A ROBE DRENCHED IN BLOOD.

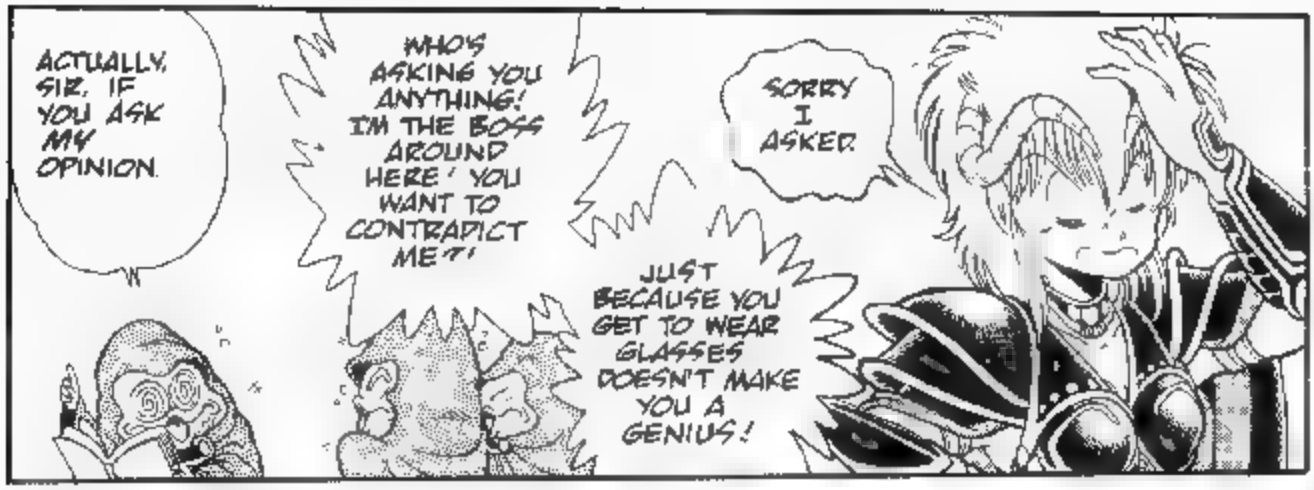
UH, RIGHT, OF COURSE.
THAT BASTARD! HE WENT DOWN THIS CORRIDOR.

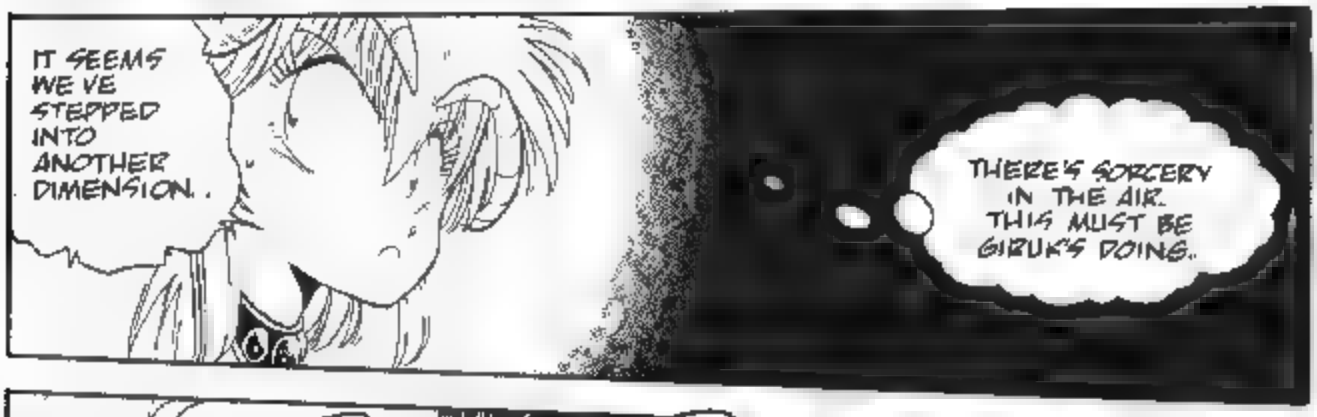
WHERE DOES THAT STAIRWAY GO?
APPARENTLY TO THE TOP OF THE CASTLE KEEP MAAM
SO WE'VE TRAPPED OUR RAT HAVE WE. HMM
GOOD ENOUGH! ALL RIGHT YOU LOT GIVE ME A HAND!
BRING A LIGHT AND FOLLOW ME
YES YOUR HIGHNESS!
ONCE MORE INTO THE BREACH
RMB RMB RMB
CHARGE!!
JEEZ THOSE STAIRS ARE HIGH

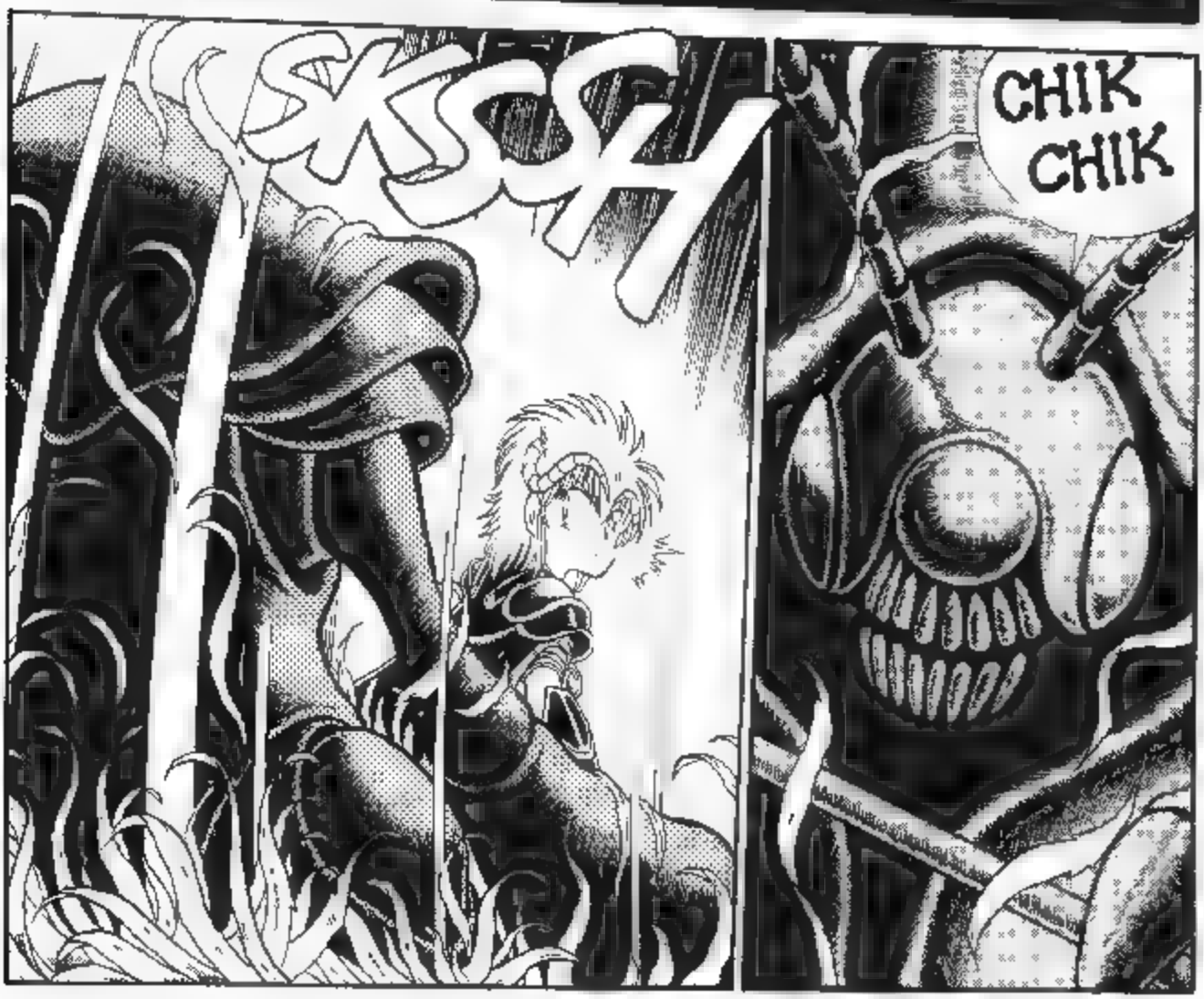
ALL TOGETHER, NOW--
FIGHT! FIGHT!
SHUT UP ALREADY



GEE. WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE WE ARE ?
WELL, MAAM.. I, UH, I DON'T THINK WE'RE INSIDE THE CASTLE, EXACTLY...
BUT THEN, WE JUST KEPT GOING HIGHER AND HIGHER, SO I DON'T THINK WE'RE OUTSIDE THE CASTLE, EITHER.
HMM...
WHEREVER IT IS IT'S SORTA CREEPY


ACTUALLY, SIR, IF YOU ASK MY OPINION.
WHO'S ASKING YOU ANYTHING! I'M THE BOSS AROUND HERE! YOU WANT TO CONTRADICT ME?!
JUST BECAUSE YOU GET TO WEAR GLASSES DOESN'T MAKE YOU A GENIUS!
SORRY I ASKED.


IT SEEMS WE'VE STEPPED INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION..
THERE'S SORCERY IN THE AIR. THIS MUST BE GIRUK'S DOING..


SKSSH
CHIK CHIK

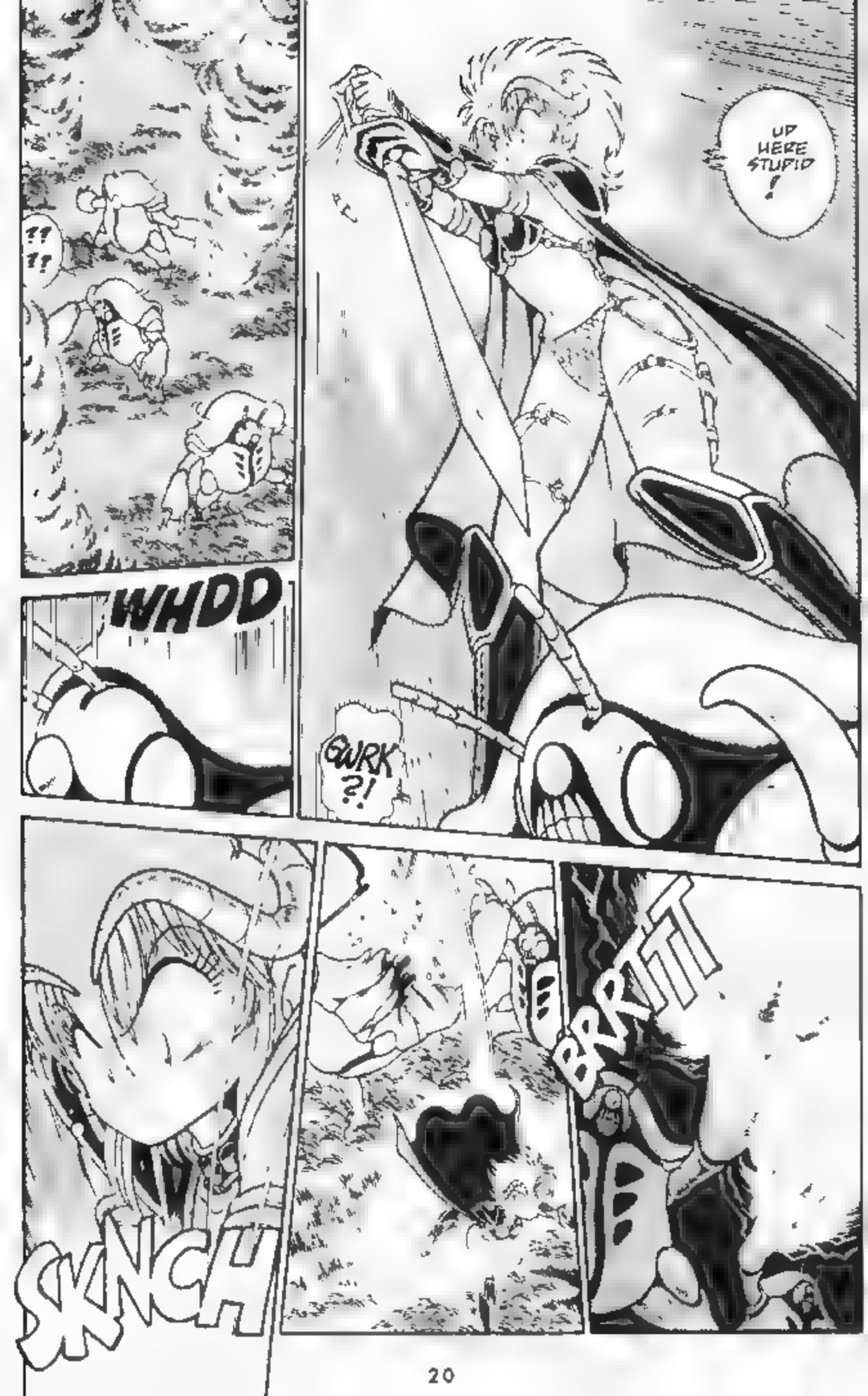
HMPH! THEY SURPRISED ME FOR A MOMENT THERE BUT IT'S JUST MORE OF WEIRD HOLLOW MEN
COME ON, TRY AND TAKE ME!
I'LL CRACK YOUR SHELLS LIKE A LOBSTER!
I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE OF THAT

GRUK!
BBLACK SSORCERER GIRUK !!
THE PRINCESS NEVER TOLD ME IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS!
WHY, IN OTHER WORDS, MY LITTLE BLONDE
HAPPENED IN MY CASTLE WAS JUST AN ILLUSION TO
BEHOLD! MY HAND IS

pfft
NAO...
TAKE THIS FOR ME...
YES, MA'AM ?
THE-- THE KEY OF GRACIALE ?
LISTEN CAREFULLY--AS SOON AS THE FIGHTING STARTS, YOU GUYS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION TO GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.
GET AS FAR AWAY AS YOU CAN!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, PRINCESS ?
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT ME-- I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF
JUST GO--AND DON'T GET CAUGHT OR I'LL SKIN YOU ALIVE MYSELF!!

SKRAAKK
DIE!!
RMB
RMB
RMB
!

WRAM
WRAMM
BKOOM
G-GEE.. I WONDER IF PRINCESS KAHMS ALL RIGHT..
HURRY, HURRY!
BKOOM
BKOOM
BKOOM
LOUSY SHOTS!


?? ??
UP HERE STUPID!
WHDD
GURK ?!
SKNCH
BRRATT

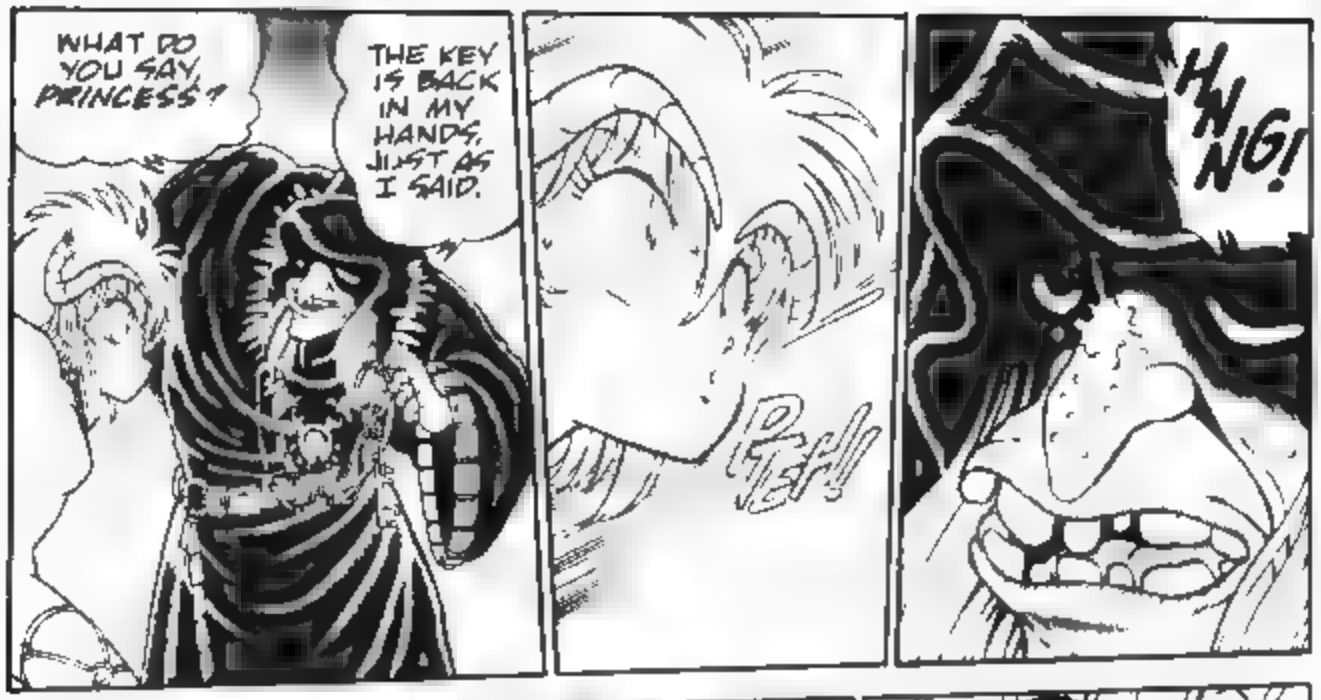
HAH!
DIE !!
SKRASSH
WHUD
FWMP
YEAW!
THAT HURT!! THESE DAMNED PIECES OF JUNK!
JUST WHEN I WAS GETTING INTO IT...

WHOMP
WHMP
FWOD
EEEK!
THUD
GET OFFA ME, YOU LOUSY OVERWEIGHT CREEPS!!
HEY! WATCH THOSE CLAWS, PAL!
SO, FINALLY I HAVE HER..
DAMN YOU! LET ME GO!!
SHE MUST HAVE THE KEY ON HER SOMEWHERE!
STRIP HER AND FIND IT!

!!
RIP
YEEK!
UNHAND ME, YOU SWINE !!
PERVERTS! HOW DARE YOU!!
OOOH! MUST BE CHILLY!
SHE DOESN'T HAVE IT?!
THAT'S ABSURD!
SHE CAN'T HAVE LOST IT!

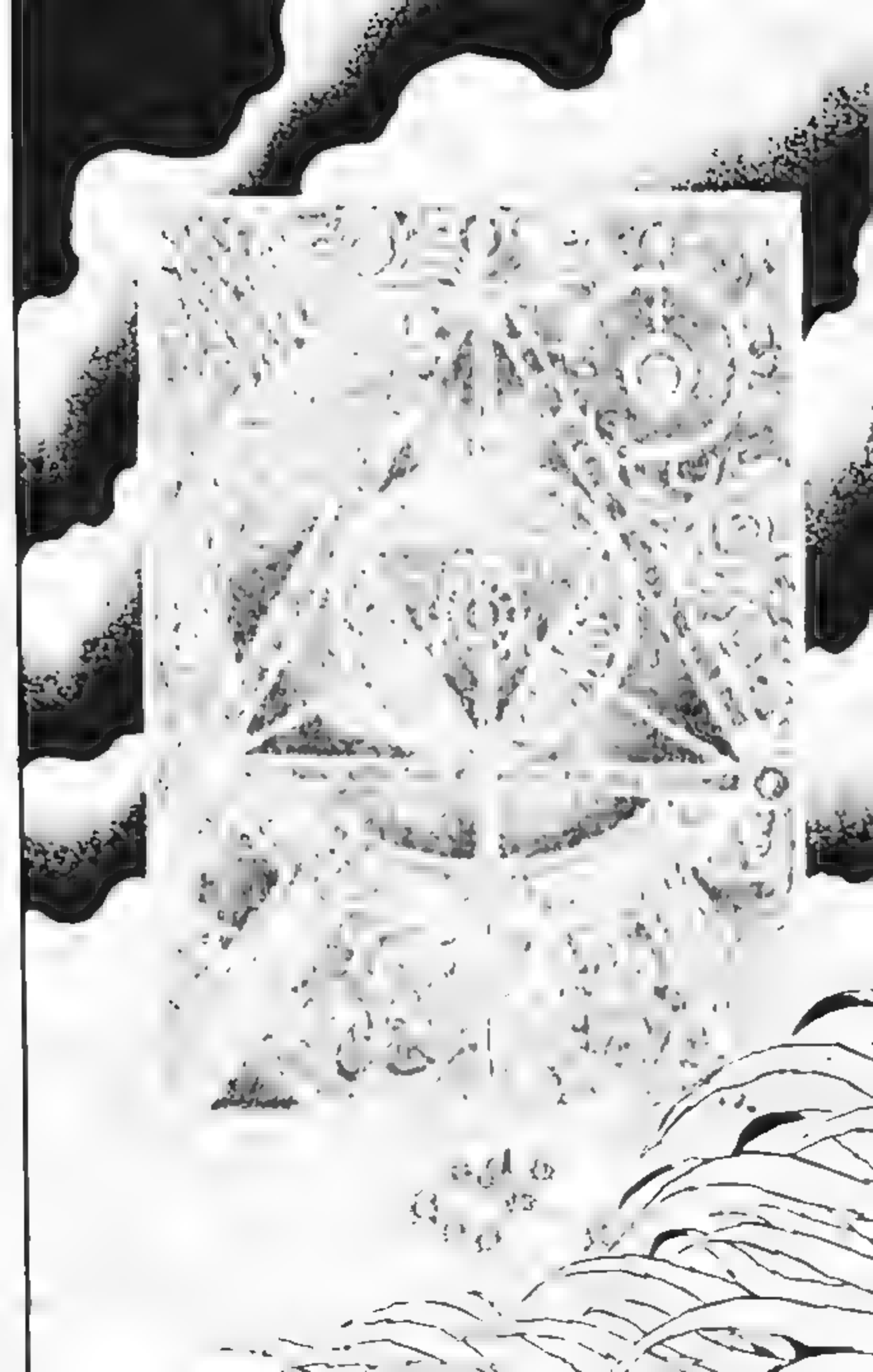
YOU BITCH! WHERE DID YOU HIDE THE KEY?!!
SO SORRY TO SPOIL YOUR PLANS.
. BUT MY LOYAL RETAINERS ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY BACK TO THE EMPEROR.
WITH THE KEY !!
GRR...
YAHEEE!!
GWEEK!
IT FIGURES

HEH HEH HEH
DEAR PRINCESS KAHM HOW FORTUNATE FOR YOU TO HAVE SUCH COMPETENT RETAINERS
HYA HA HA HA
OOOH! PRINCESS KAHM! I LIKE YOUR NEW OUTFIT !!
I'M NOT LOOKING, I'M NOT, I'M NOT !!
YOU LITTLE SKUNKS.
IDIOTS!
MORONS!! WHAT WERE YOU DOING HANGING AROUND HERE?! I TOLD YOU TO RUN AWAY!!
WELL, UH, YES BUT ACTUALLY, YOU SEE
GOSH. GEE.
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, MA'AM. SO, WE DIDN'T ER Y'KNOW..
YOU BUMBLING BLOCKHEADS! WHY DO YOU THINK I GAVE YOU THE STUPID KEY?!!
ENOUGH! THINGS HAVE TURNED OUT PERFECTLY


WHAT DO YOU SAY, PRINCESS?
THE KEY IS BACK IN MY HANDS, JUST AS I SAID.
PEH!
HWNG!

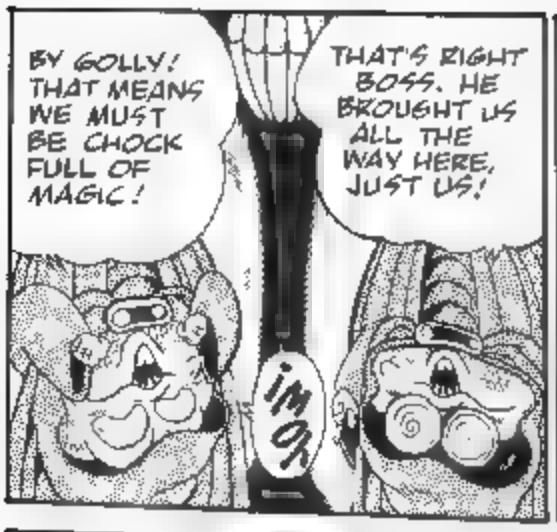
YOU FILTHY LITTLE VIXEN !!
KRAK
KRAK
AAH!! PRINCESS KAHM !!

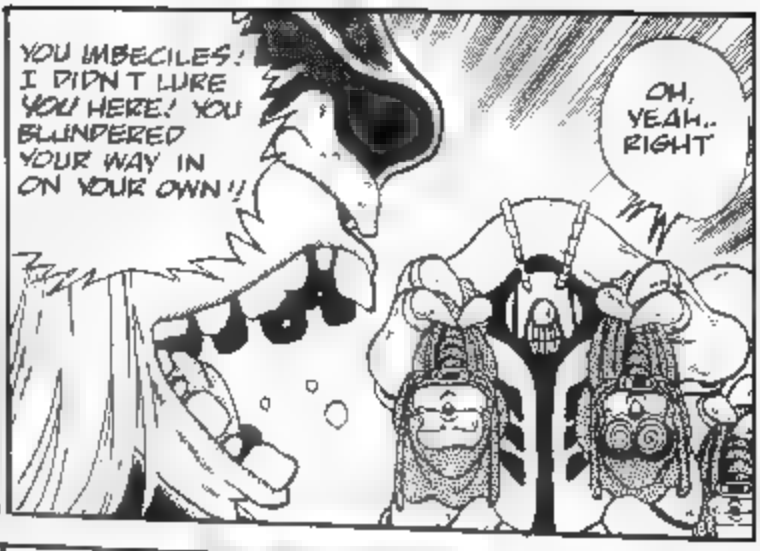
FOOLISH BITCH!
SO NOW YOU GROVEL BEFORE ME JUST AS I PREDICTED, EH?!
DAMN YOU!
SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! KILL ME!!
OH NO, MY DEAR I HAVE NO INTENTION OF KILLING YOU, NOT YET I STILL HAVE A LITTLE SOMETHING I NEED YOU TO DO FOR ME.



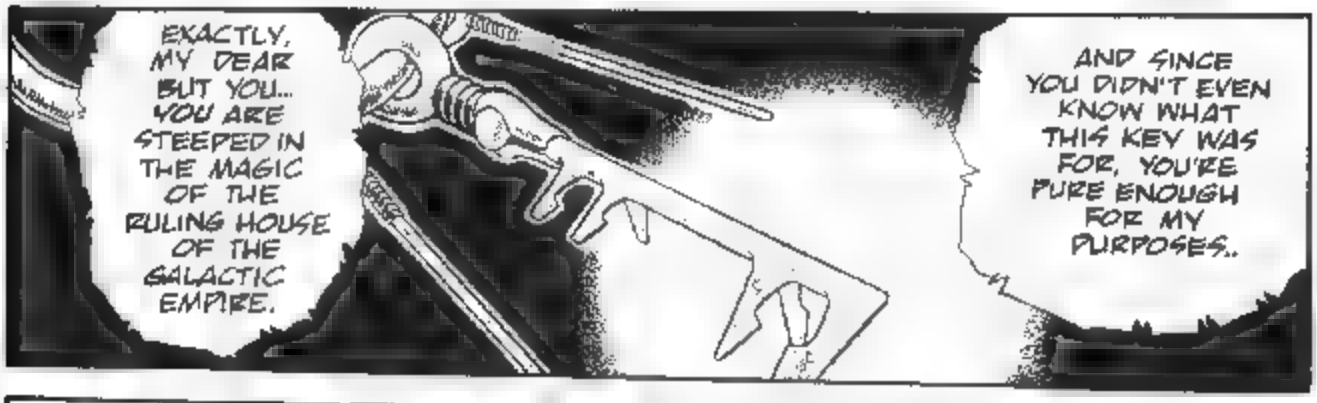
WHAT TH-- WHAT IS THAT THING ?
SOME KIND OF GIANT DOOR ?
PRINCESS KAHM. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT KEY IS REALLY FOR ?
WELL, SURE! THEY SAY THE KEY BRINGS POWER AND GOOD FORTUNE TO WHOEVER OWNS IT
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
THIS LITTLE BEAUTY OF MINE.. ITS REAL PURPOSE IS TO OPEN THE DOOR OF THE DEAD
THE DOOR OF THE DEAD...?
THAT'S RIGHT THE NAME SAYS IT ALL THIS IS THE HOME OF DEAD SPIRITS.
ALL WHO LIVE AND WALK IN THE SUN MUST COME IN TIME TO THIS DARK VALE
BEYOND THE DOOR OF THE DEAD ARE NUMBERLESS SPIRITS WAITING FOR REINCARNATION IN THE LAND OF LIGHT

BUT REBIRTH REQUIRES A VAST SURGE OF SPIRIT ENERGY... THE DEAD WAIT HERE FOR EONS, SLOWLY GATHERING THAT POWER...
IF I CAN OPEN THIS DOOR AT WILL AND TAP THAT POWER FOR MYSELF...
"AYE, THE VERY KEY OF THE DEAD. THE KEY THEY SAY IS USED BUT ONCE IN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS BY THE GODS THEMSELVES...
"BUT WITH COUNTLESS YEARS AND DECADES OF STUDY, I COPIED THAT KEY!"
AND IF I CAN CONTROL THE ENERGY OF THE DEAD, THEN I CAN TURN THE TABLES ON THE LIVING! I CAN DRAG YOUR FOUL WORLD OF LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS... AND DESTROY IT!
NO KIDDING? I HAD NO IDEA...
WOW
SO WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME, HUH?! WHAT'D YOU DRAG ME HERE FOR?!
IF YOU WANT TO OPEN YOUR STUPID OLD DOOR, GO AHEAD AND OPEN IT!
FOOL!! THE DOOR CAN'T BE OPENED BY JUST ANYONE!
IT MUST BE SOMEONE RICH IN MAGICAL POWERS.
AND ABOVE ALL, ONE WHOSE HEART DOES NOT HUNGER TO MAKE THE POWER OF DEATH HIS OWN


BY GOLLY! THAT MEANS WE MUST BE CHOCK FULL OF MAGIC!
THAT'S RIGHT BOSS. HE BROUGHT US ALL THE WAY HERE, JUST US!
IMOH


YOU IMBECILES! I DIDN'T LURE YOU HERE! YOU BLUNDERED YOUR WAY IN ON YOUR OWN!!
OH, YEAH.. RIGHT

I UNDERSTAND IT NOW.. THE PORTAL GUARDING THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD IS SACRED.
IT WON'T OPEN FOR SOME HERETIC LIKE YOU WHO WANTS TO ABUSE THAT POWER.


EXACTLY, MY DEAR BUT YOU... YOU ARE STEEPED IN THE MAGIC OF THE RULING HOUSE OF THE GALACTIC EMPIRE.
AND SINCE YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THIS KEY WAS FOR, YOU'RE PURE ENOUGH FOR MY PURPOSES..

SO.. WILL YOU COOPERATE, PRINCESS KAHMI?

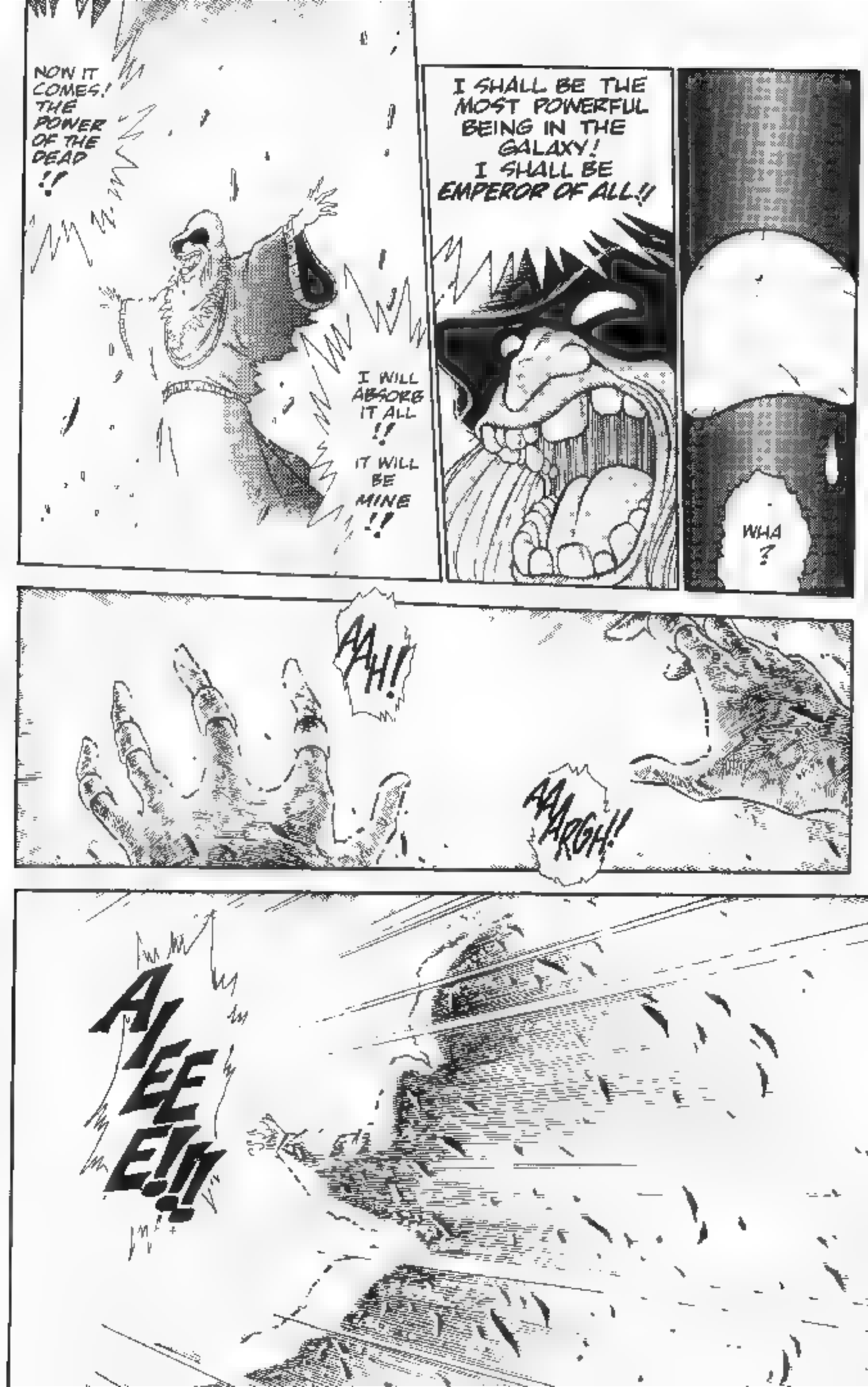
BUG OFF! WHO'S GOING TO-

I'LL TEAR YOUR LITTLE TOADIES IN HALF!!
OUWIE OUWIE OWWW!!

PRINCESS KAHM, DON'T LET HIM DO IT!
I'VE GOT A WIFE AND UMPTEEN CHILDREN AT HOME!
OKAY, OKAY-- I GET THE PICTURE.
JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM AN IMPERIAL PRINCESS.
I ADMIRE YOUR NOBLE DESIRE NOT TO MAKE AN UNPLEASANT FUSS SPLENDID!
HERE-- THE KEY!
SMAK
HMPH!
BUT DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY.
ONE WORD FROM ME, AND YOU'LL HAVE TWICE AS MANY RETAINERS!
HEY, ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS OPEN IT, RIGHT?
HMPH. SO THIS IS THE DOOR OF THE DEAD, HUH?

QUICKLY! QUICKLY !!
AW QUIT YOUR WHINING— I SAID I'D DO IT!
RIGHT HERE, HM?
KLIK
ACTUALLY I'M KINDA INTERESTED, TOO..
IN WHAT'S BEYOND THIS DOOR
KCHAK
!
GRNNN

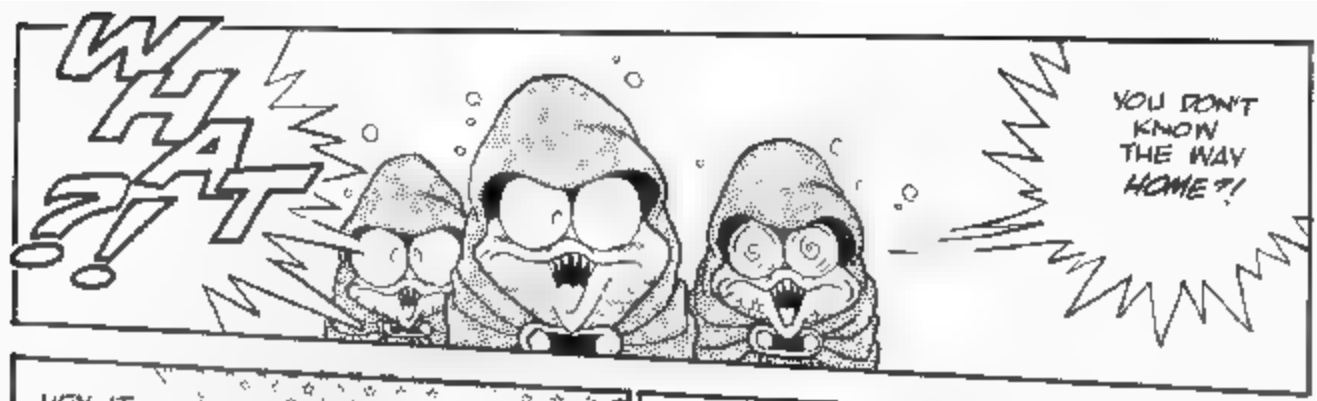
ZZZKOOOOOX!


NOW IT COMES! THE POWER OF THE DEAD !!
I WILL ABSORB IT ALL !!
IT WILL BE MINE !!
I SHALL BE THE MOST POWERFUL BEING IN THE GALAXY! I SHALL BE EMPEROR OF ALL!!
WHA ?
AAH!
AAARGH!!
AIEEE!!!

GUAAA!!
FZZZAKK
YOW!
GNPH!

WHA--WHAT HAPPENED?
THEY ALL DROPPED DEAD!
SHKOOM!
AAH! IT CLOSED!
GUESS THERE'S SOME POWER GREATER THAN ALL OF US WHO CONTROLS THIS DOOR AND IT LOOKS LIKE ANYONE WHO TRIES TO MISUSE THE SPIRIT ENERGY GETS HIS JUST REWARD
AAH, THAT ENERGY, IT'S TOO MUCH FOR OUR LITTLE CIVILIZATION TO HANDLE
THIS PLACE ISN'T FOR US IT'S NOT MEANT FOR THE LIVING.

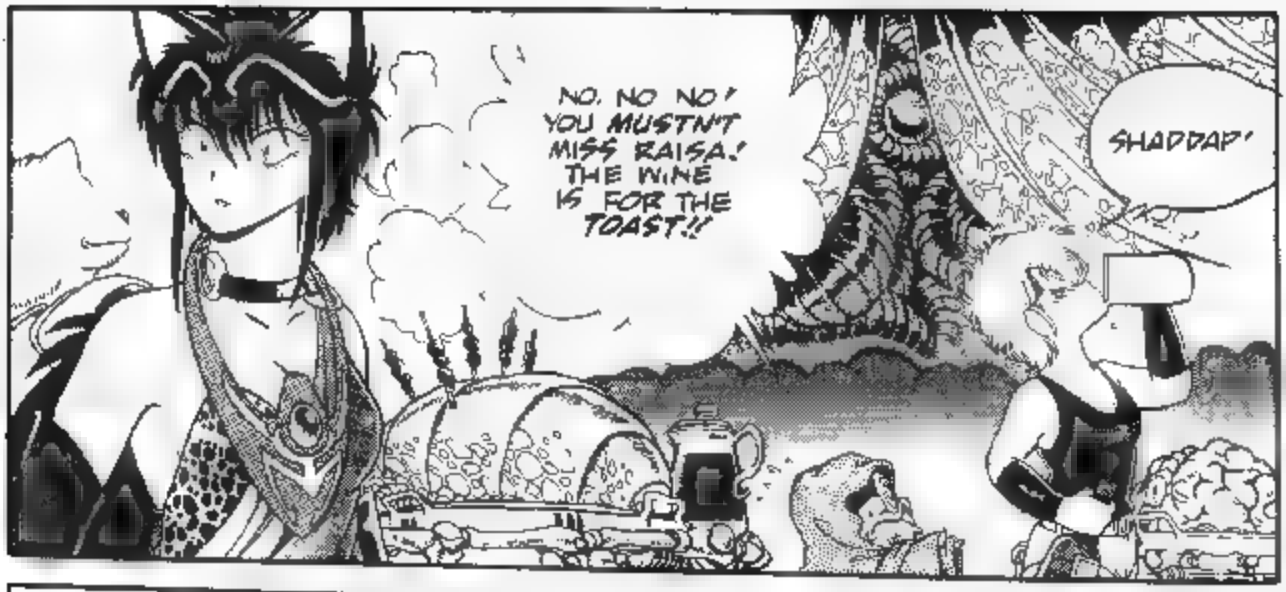
SSSSH
PRINCESS KAHM...!!
WHAT WAS THAT LIGHT, YOUR HIGHNESS? AND WHAT HAPPENED TO GIRUK?!
.....
HE GOT WHAT HE WANTED
THAT WIZENED LITTLE BODY AND EVIL HEART COULDN'T POSSIBLY HANDLE ALL THAT ENERGY, NO WAY.
SO.. SIZZLE SIZZLE AND GOOD RIDDANCE, TOO!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO TRY IT PRINCESS?
NOT A CHANCE!!
I'M PLENTY STRONG ENOUGH WITHOUT IT! I'M INVINCIBLE!!
HEE HEE!
THAT'S TRUE.
WHO NEEDS THIS DUMB KEY, ANYWAY!


WHAT?!
YOU DON'T KNOW THE WAY HOME?!

HEY, IT ALL LOOKS THE SAME OUT HERE, RIGHT?
NO WAY TO TELL DIRECTIONS.
BUT BUT, BUT!

OH WELL. I'M SURE DADDY WILL SEND SOMEONE TO LOOK FOR US PRETTY SOON.
MEANTIME, IT'S NICE AND QUIET OUT HERE, HM?
....

THE STARS [redacted] BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT!
I DON'T SEE ANY STARS...
The End


NO, NO NO! YOU MUSTN'T MISS RAISA! THE WINE IS FOR THE TOAST!!
SHADDAP!

STOP BEIN' SUCH A WET BLANKET!
TODAY I'M GONNA KICK SOME BUTT!! YOU JUST WATCH!
I... I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU MUST FEEL...

FEEL?!? WHADDA YA MEAN, FEEL?!
WHAT TH HELL ARE YOU GETT.N AT, HUH?! WHAT?!
AIEE!

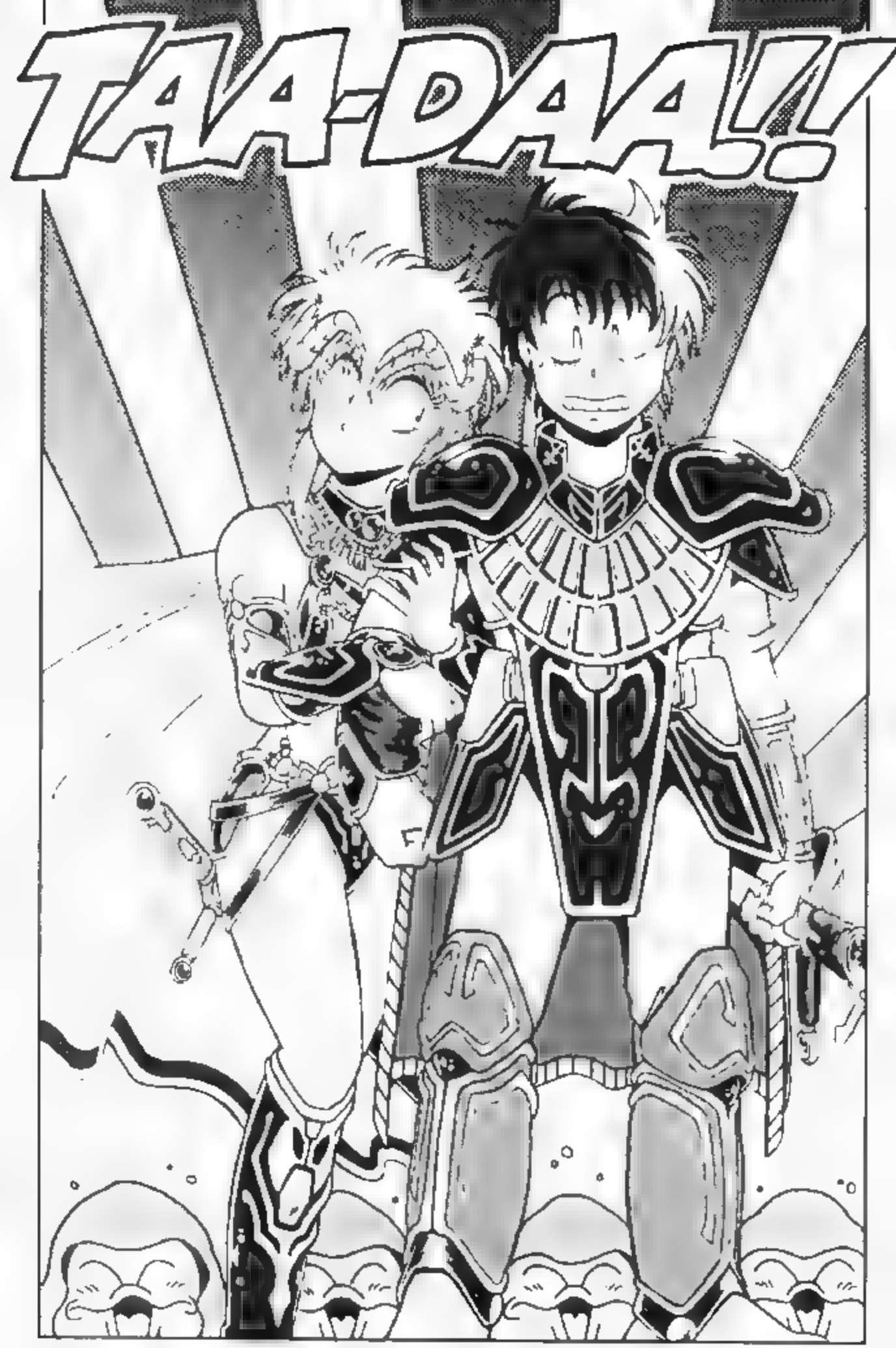
YOOHOO!! EVERYBODY!!

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU MEN DOING?! THE HAPPY COUPLE ARE ON THEIR WAY! GET READY!
S-SORRY, MAAM!

HONEY TIME FOR THE FANFARE! THE FANFARE!
HORNK
SQUEEHONK
KANG KANG
ELAWW
SKRAA
ELAT
ERAKK

HOHOHO


TA-DAA!!

OOOOH!
HIIII!
HEH HEH..
HEY TETSUYA!! WHAT'S WITH THE MONKEY SUIT?! YA LOOK SHIC-SHTUPID!!
MISS RAISA..!
DON'T!
WELL SHALL WE?
GUESS SO..

WHADDA COUPLE A LOVEBIRDS !!

YEAH, TETSUYA, YOU LUCKY DOG, YOU!!

KAHM.

MM? YES DEAR ?

ER NOTHING JUST

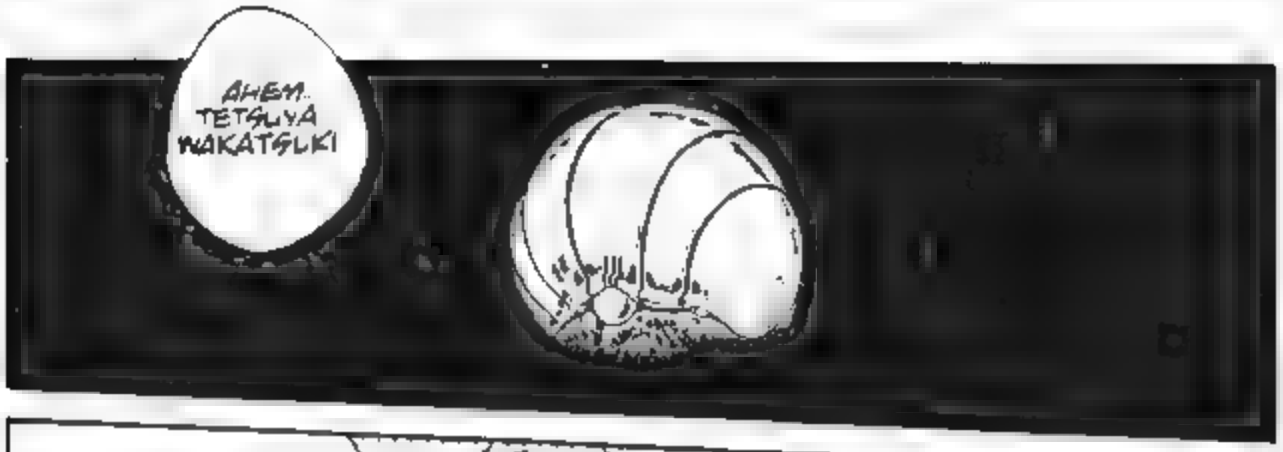
YOU'RE... YOU'RE REALLY BEAUTIFUL...

OH!

OOHH! OOHH! OOOHH!

WHAK WHAK WHAK

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY IN MY LIFE!! LET'S HAVE ANOTHER WEDDING AS SOON AS WE CAN!
ONE IS ENOUGH!
HEH HEH I'LL BE THE BEST WIFE IN HISTORY!
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN...?
CONGRATULATIONS!!
BANG
BANG
BANG
PWEEEE
LOOK! I FOUN A THIS BIG ONE!!
AIEE! THAT'S A MISSILE LAUNCHER, NOT A FIRECRACKER!


AHEM. TETSUYA WAKATSUKI

DO YOU SWEAR TO TAKE THIS WOMAN AS YOUR LOVING WIFE, FOR AS LONG AS YOU BOTH SHALL LIVE?
TO SHARE AS HUSBAND AND WIFE YOUR JOYS AND SORROWS... AND TO LOVE EACH OTHER FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES?

I-I-I DO!
VERY WELL THEN.
AND YOU KAHM? DO YOU--
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO SAY ALL THAT BORING STUFF AGAIN?! I DO, I DO!!

WELL THEN... WE'LL SKIP THE "BORING STUFF"
SEAL YOUR VOWS WITH A KISS, KIDS!

MMMMOOO
SMMPH!
ALRIGHT!
Yahoo!
k-off
GO FOR IT!
WOO WOO!
HEY! HEY! THAT'S ENOUGH!!
LET BOTH OF YOU BE FOREVER HAPPY!
I'M A WEE BIT JEALOUS BUT
THANKS, AKI! THANKS!
I'LL MAKE HER HAPPY I PROMISE!!
YOU'D BETTER, TETSUYA YOU MAKE HER CRY, AND I'LL--
H-HONEST, AKI I WON'T!
RIGHT?
REEEALLY?

LET'S HEAR IT FOR TETSUYA AND PRINCESS KAHM!! HIP HIP HOORAY!!

CONGRATULATIONS, KAHM! FINALLY IT'S YOUR TURN!

ALL RIGHT EVERYONE! SETTLE DOWN! IT'S TIME FOR THE TOAST TO THE NEWLYWEDS!

KATTA KATTA

A TOAST! A TOAST TO THE WEDDING OF HER HIGHNESS KAHM ROYAL PRINCESS OF THE SANTOVASKU AND TETSUYA OF EARTH

..AND TO VICTORY IN THE WARS TO COME!!

LET'S HEAR IT!!

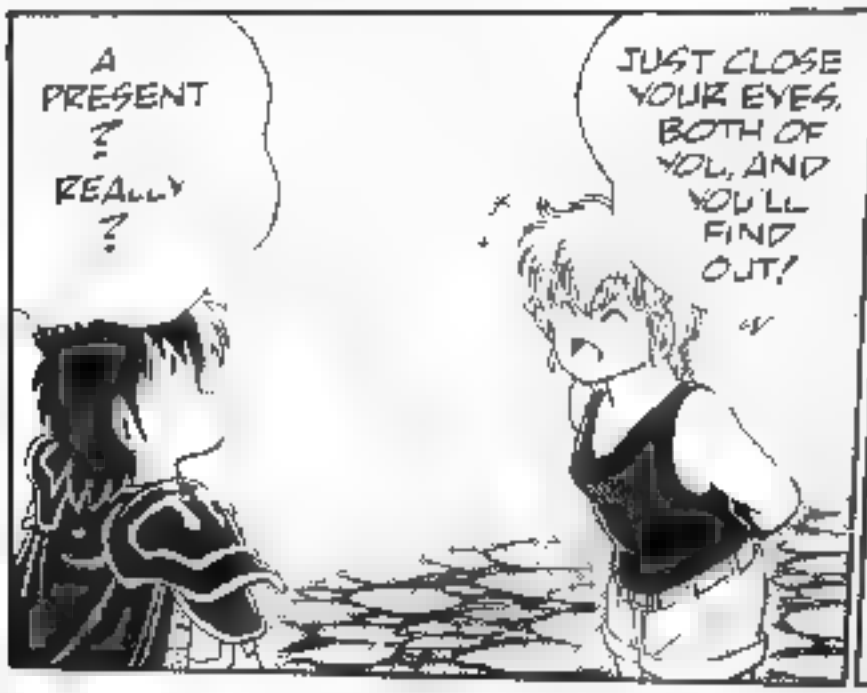
HOORAY!! HOORAY!!

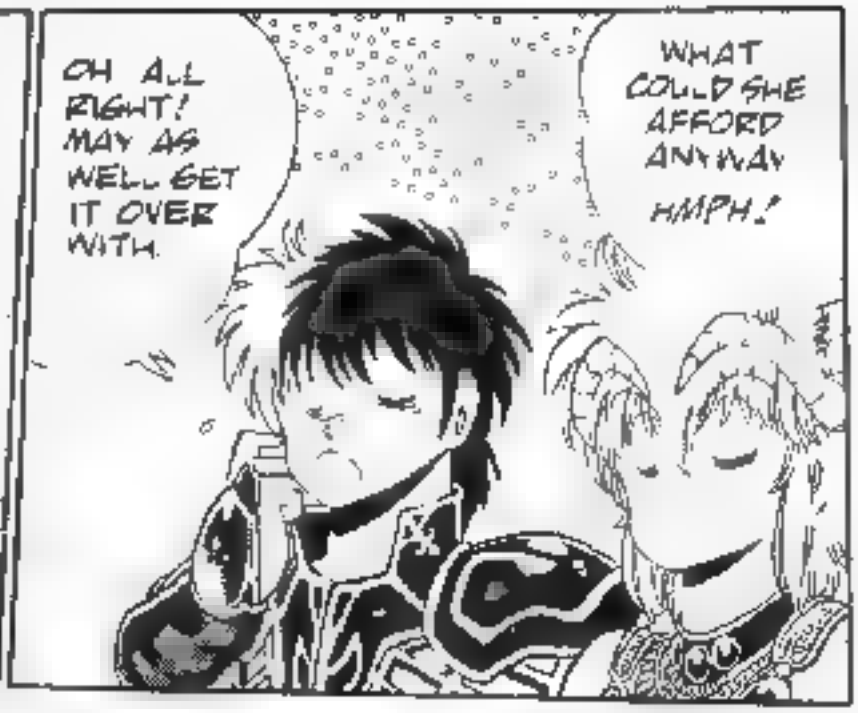
OKAY EVERYONE! TIME TO DIG IN!!
IT'S PARTY TIME!!
YEAH!!

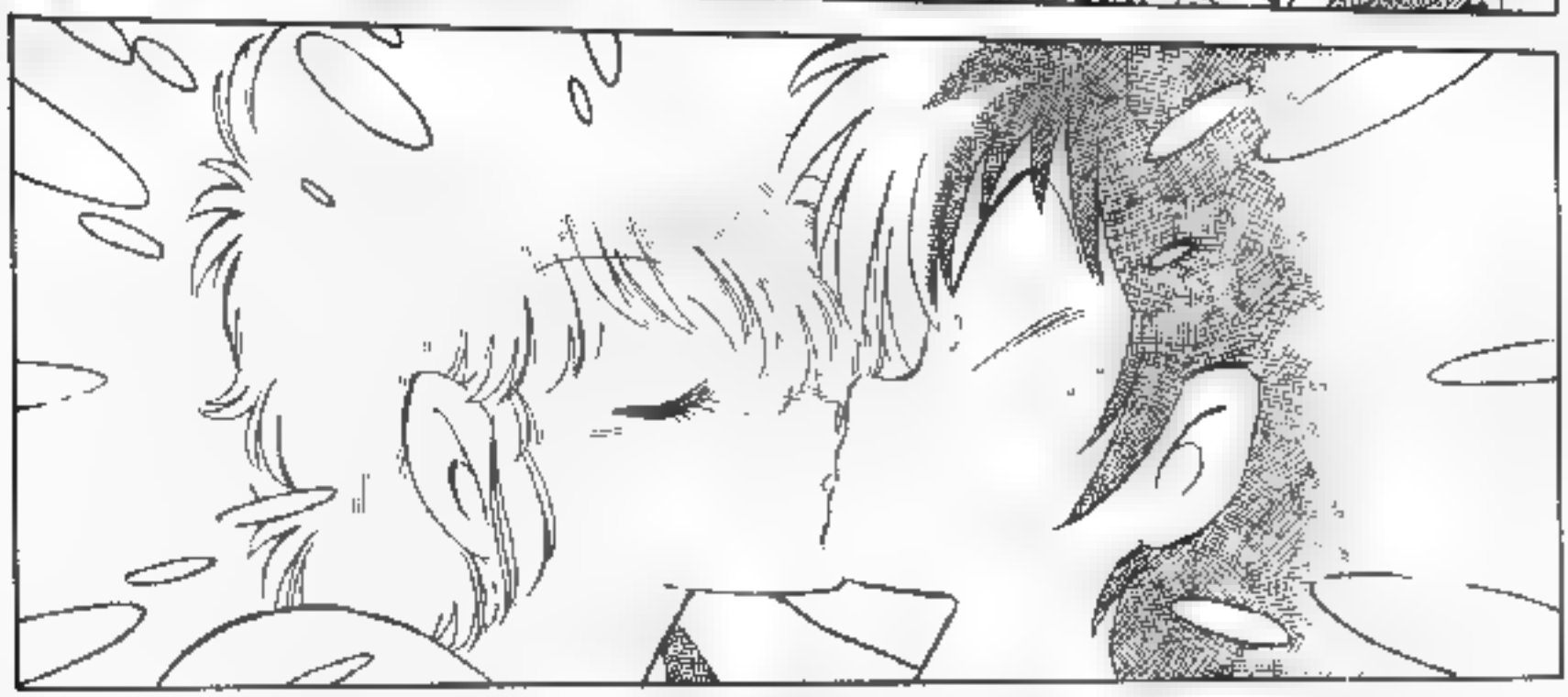
GLUBGLUBGLUB
WHA--?! I GOTTA DRINK ALL OF THIS?!
HUH?! WHATRE YOU JABBERIN ABOUT BOY?! WHAT GOOD ARE YOU IF YOU CAN'T HOLD YOUR LIQUOR?!
YOU LISTEN UP TETSUYA-- JUST CAUSE YOU'RE MARRIED, DON'T LET NO WOMAN PUSH YOU AROUND, EH?
SHE GIVES YOU ANY CRAP YOU JUST GIVE HER A COUPLE OF GOOD ONES UPSIDE THE HEAD-- LAY HER OUT AND SHE'LL SHUT UP!
GOES WITHOUT SAYING, I GUESS.
YOU DON'T SOUND TOO DAMN CONVINCED, YOU WIMP!!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT LAYING WHO FLAT GEOBALD?!
HEY! YOU COME BACK HERE YOU COWARD!
?
WHY ARE ALL YOU SANTOVASKU WOMEN SO TOUGH?
HEY!! Yahaha! HELLO, EVERYBODY!!

NYAHAHAHA! SO YA FINALLY DID IT EH. TETSUYA, M LAD!
WELL, GOOD JOB!! I'M MIGHTY PROUD OF YOU YOUNG FELLER!
MNCH MNCH
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU ?!
WHO? WHO ?!?
I'M YOUR CREATOR, BOY! YOUR CREATOR !!
HE'S JUST A PASSING IDIOT
WHERE ARE THE CUTE WOMEN ?
OF COURSE YOU DO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WERE ONLY ABLE TO MARRY THE LOVELY KAHM BECAUSE OF ME
ahem
SO HOW ABOUT A DECENT THANK YOU ?
IS THAT A FACT ?
NOW I'M NOT ASKING FOR A BRIBE OR A KICKBACK OR ANYTHING BUT
WHAT DO YOU SAY K D? JUST ONE NIGHT WITH RAISA AND THE LITTLE LADY.
WHA-- ?!
YAAH !! SHUDDUP YA LITTLE GNOME !!
KYAHCK!

WHO'S THE BEANBAG? GET HIM, GUYS!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO YOUR CREATOR?!
IDIOT!
WHUD
ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO! CONGRATULATIONS!
HUH?! OH GEE THANKS, RAISA!
WHADDA YA MEAN, "THANKS"? WIPE THAT DOPEY GRIN OFF YOUR FACE YOU!
EHEH HEH HEH...
YOU EVER GET TIRED OF HER, YOU JUS GIVE ME A CALL, OKAY?
RAISA! YOU HAVE BEEN DRINKING, HAVEN'T YOU?!
YOU THINK I COULD STAND BEING HERE IF I WASN'T DRUNK, YOU DUMB SUNUVABITCH?!!
WHAK
DON'T YOU DARE HIT HIM ANYMORE! THAT'S MY JOB FROM NOW ON!!
RIGHT, RIGHT SORRY!
ANYWAY I'VE GOT A PRESENT FOR THE HAPPY COUPLE!


A PRESENT ? REALLY ?
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES, BOTH OF YOU, AND YOU'LL FIND OUT!


OH ALL RIGHT! MAY AS WELL GET IT OVER WITH.
WHAT COULD SHE AFFORD ANYWAY HMPH!



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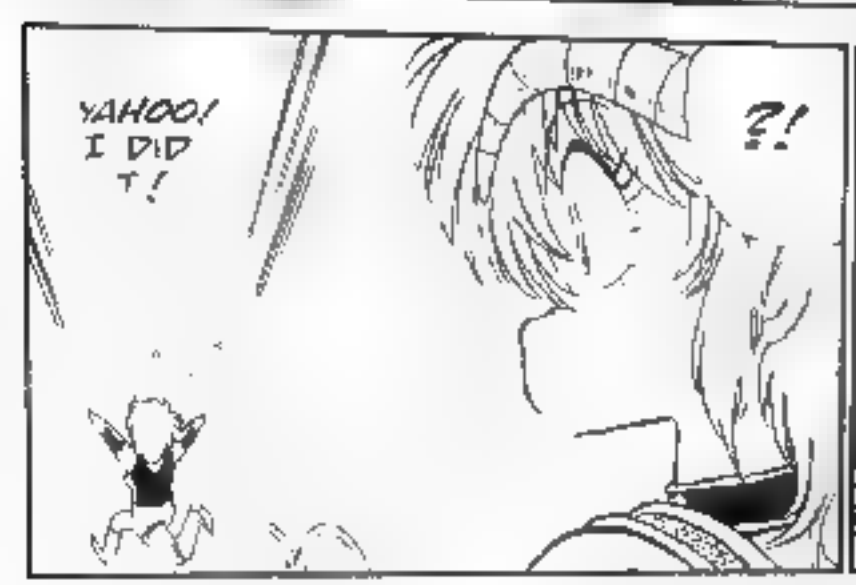
WELL HURRY IT UP! WHAT IS IT ?

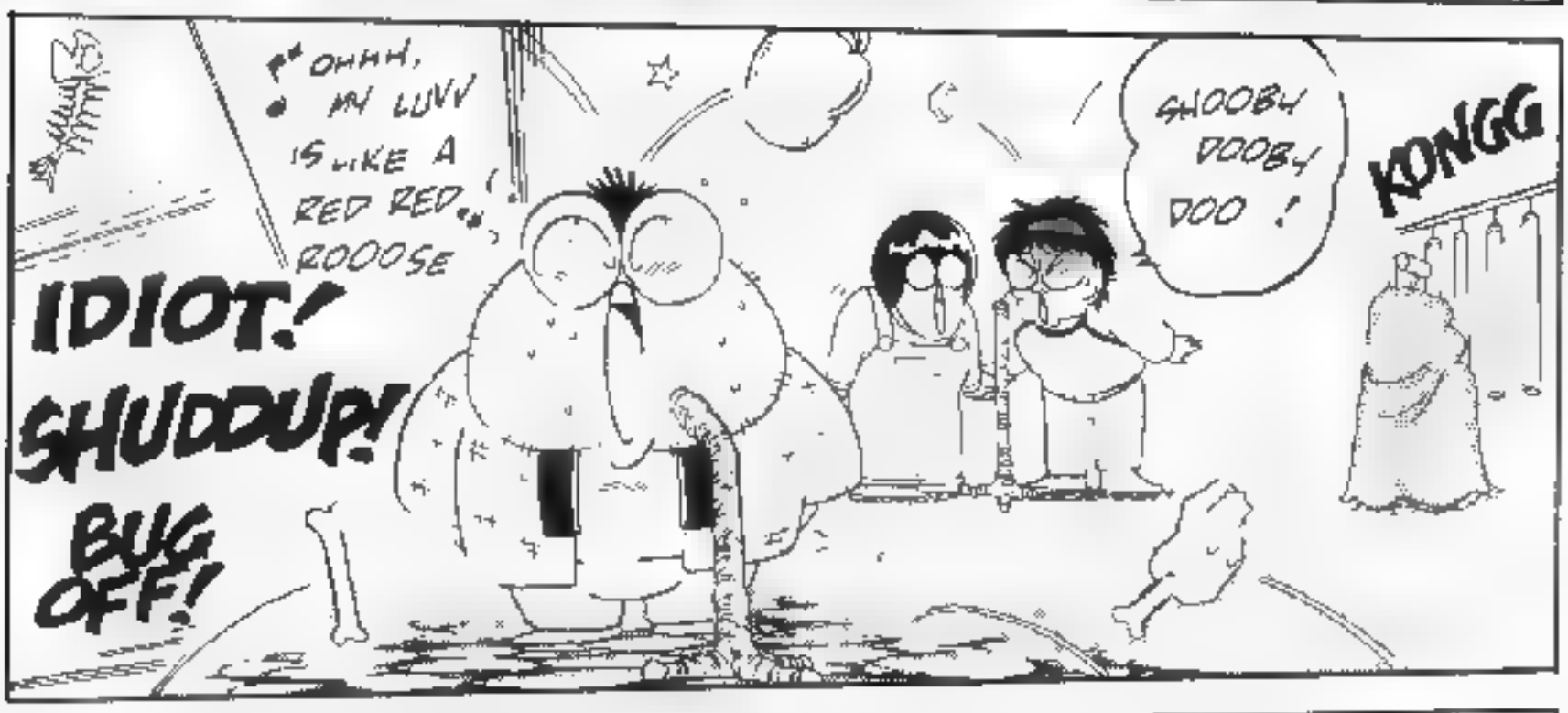

YAHOO! I DID IT!
?!

WOW!
OOHH!! YOU TRICKED ME, YOU BITCH !!
YOU YOU OOOHH !!

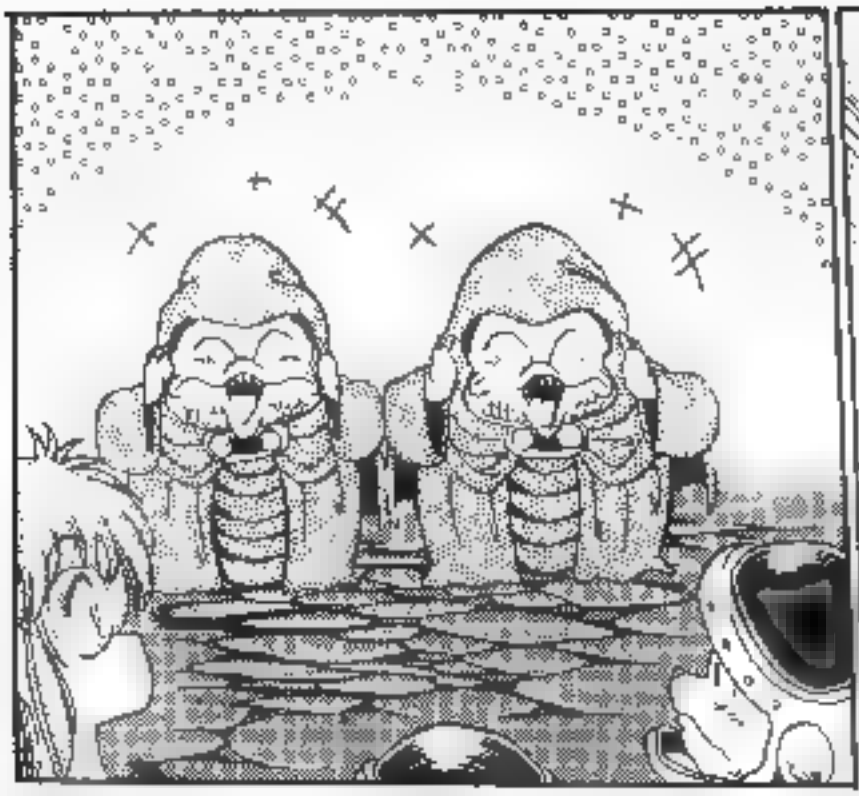
BOOM KBOOM BOOM
START THE MUSIC !! LET'S DANCE !!
GO GO GO !!

KAHM
TETSUYA
HAW HAW
HEE HEE HEE
EEK!

YEAH!
YEAH!
YEAH!

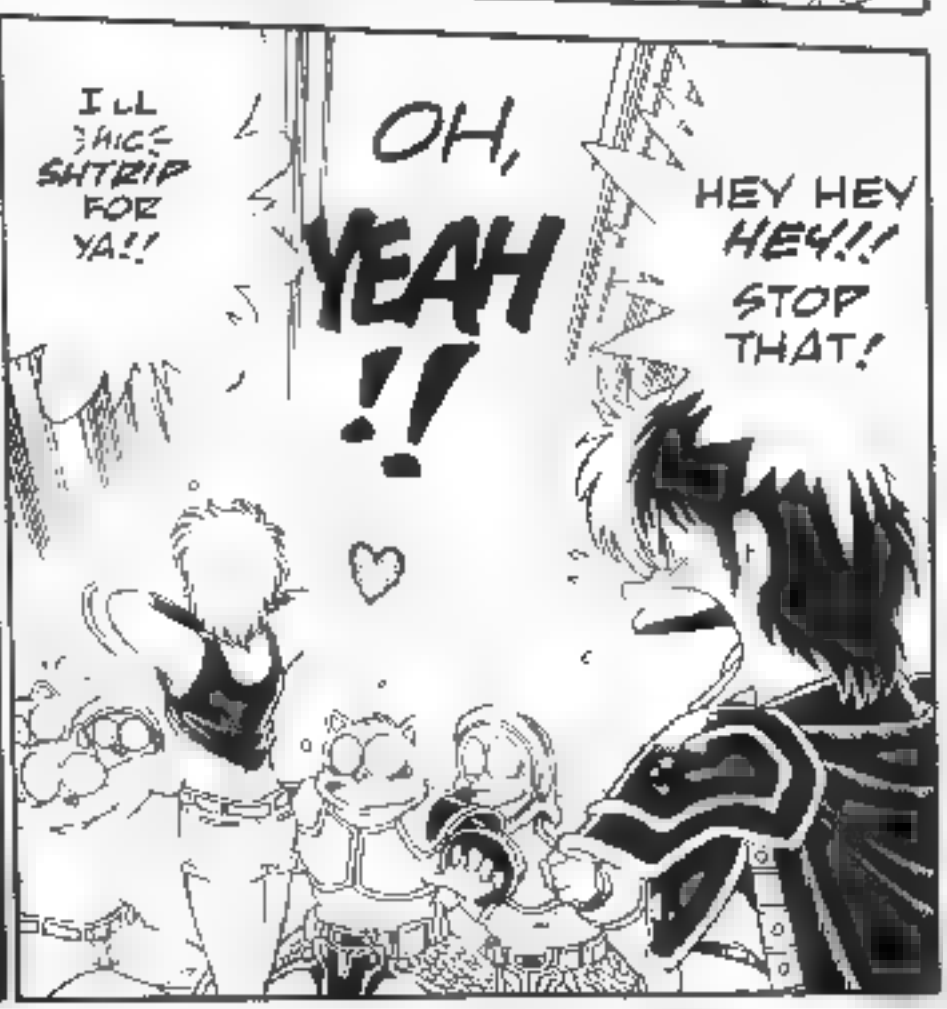

"OHHH, MY LUVV IS LIKE A RED RED ROOOSE
IDIOT! SHUDDUP! BUG OFF!
SHOOBY DOOBY DOO!
KONGG

GO FOR IT CROWN PRINCE!
THE SHAME OF JAPAN."
YAY, TETSUYA!!



SCRUNCH

RAI-HIC-RAISHA VOGEL. SHEVENTEEN!
I DUNNO ANY TRICKSH OR NUTHIN' SHO


I'LL HIC-SHTRIP FOR YA!!
OH, YEAH !!
HEY HEY HEY!! STOP THAT!

SIGH

WHAT'S UP KID? YOU HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK ALREADY?
NO, NOT AT ALL

IT'S JUST THAT WELL...

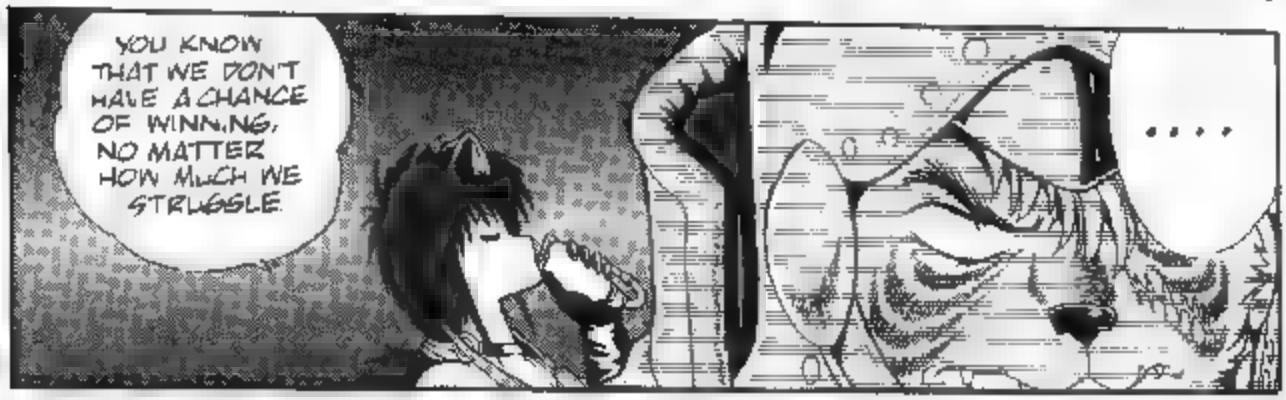
THIS FEELS LIKE OUR LAST SUPPER, SOMEHOW

YOU STUPID BROAD!! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
I WAS HAVIN A GOOD TIME, DAMMIT!!
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLANS, GEOBALDI? YOUR FAMOUS PLANS FOR FIGHTING THE IMPERIAL ARMY?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? YOU'RE OUT OF TIME!
....

NOTH N TO DO BUT EAT MYSELF STUPID S THERE ?!
WHATEVER HAPPENS HAPPENS!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST DRINK MYSELF STUPID.

YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU, GEOBALDI ?


YOU KNOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING, NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE STRUGGLE.
....

HELL SURE I DO

BUT WHAT THE HELL ELSE CAN WE DO EXCEPT FIGHT?
LIVE FAST DIE YOUNG.. MAYBE THAT'S THE BEST WAY.

SO DRINK UP, LOVER
YOU TOO, GIRL

TETSUUUYAAA...

I WANNA BE ALONE... JUS' THE TWO OF US...

hic

BUT THIS A PARTY FOR US. KAHM WE CAN'T--

AW, COME ON

JUST FOR A LITTLE, OKAY? JUST THE TWO OF US

'KAY? ♡

ER.. SURE.

HEY, YOU TWO! YOU CAN'T LEAVE!!

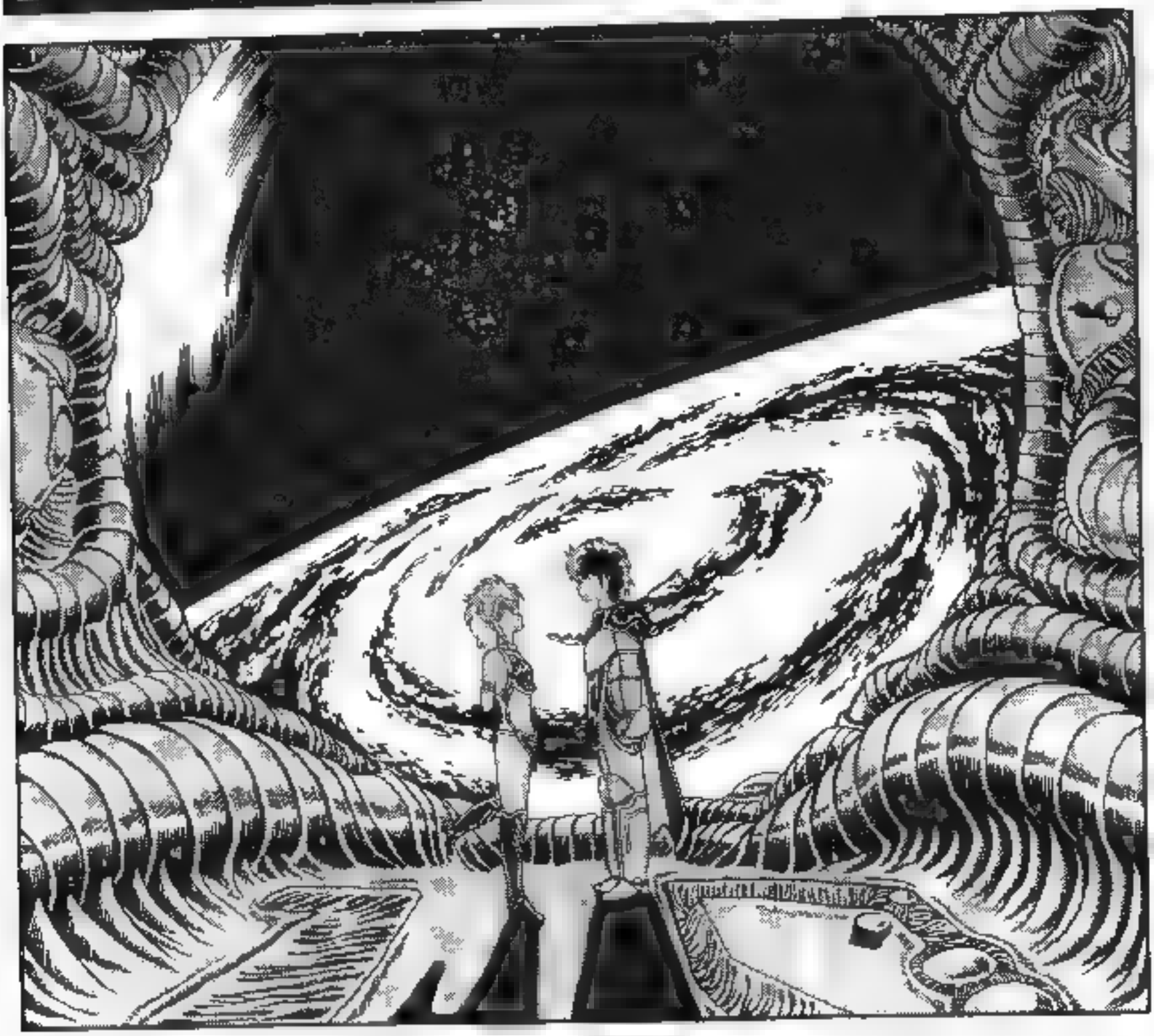
LET'S GO GO GO! ♡

YES'M!

YOU DUMMY! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SENSE AT ALL?!

NATURALLY THEY WANT TO BE ALONE AT A TIME LIKE THIS!

OH YEAH? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN!
I DON'T GET IT- I'D RATHER BE PARTYING.
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM... NO ROMANCE IN YOU!

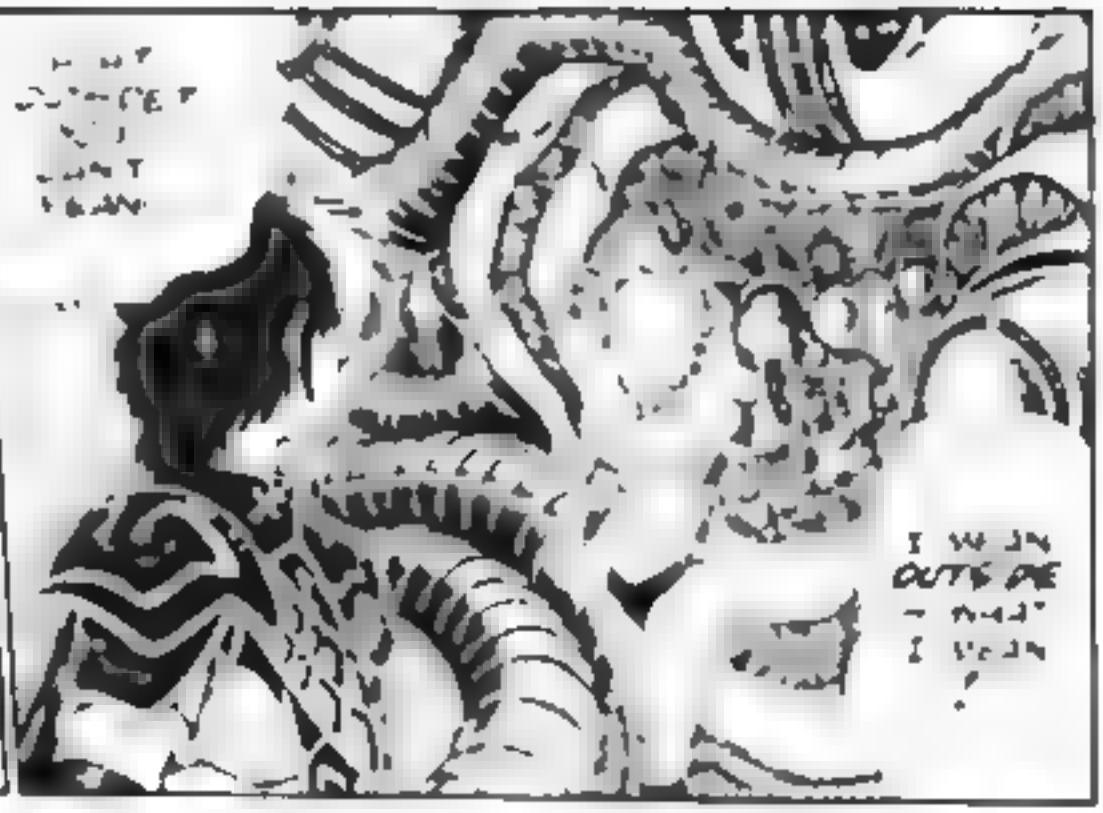


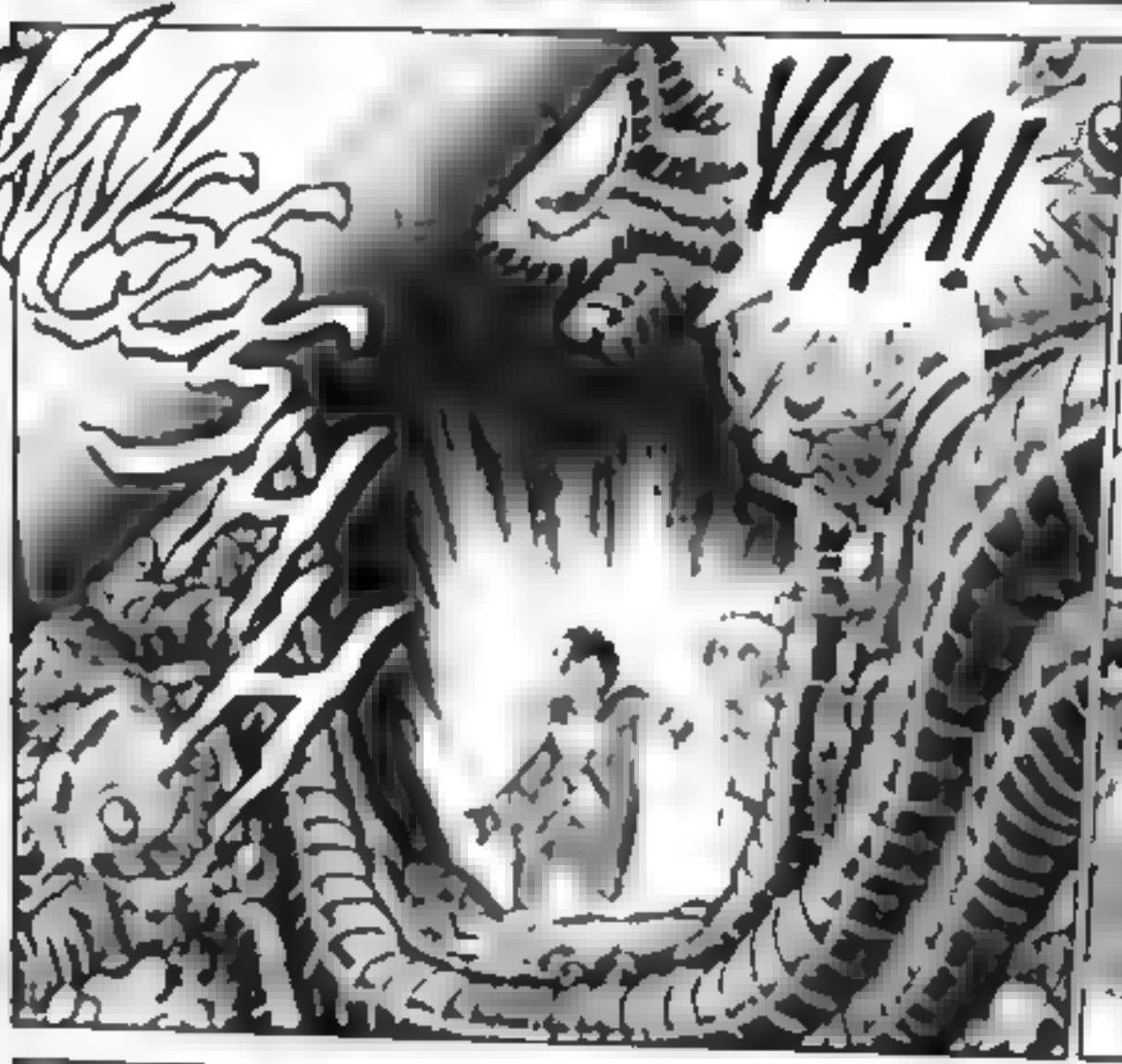
TETSUYA I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO. NEVER
KAHM I

TETSUYA
HO HO. HO!
THEY'RE OFF TO A GOOD START!
HOW ROMANTIC!

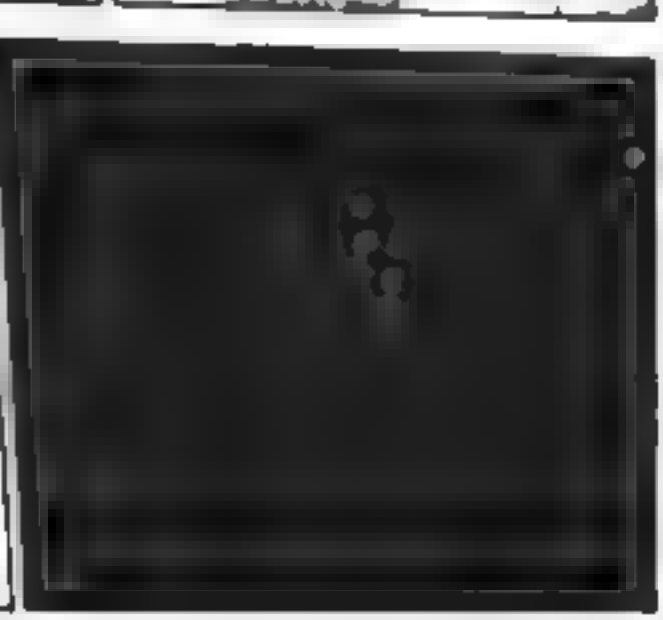
KANG!
YOU JERKS!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING ?!
S-SORRY ! WE JUST WE .
MANY APOLOGIES, PRINCESS DON'T WORRY. NOW THEY WON'T BE BACK!
TAKE YOUR TIME DEAR..
"TAKE YOUR TIME TIME" INDEED !
THERE GOES THE MOOD
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ? GO TO OUR CABIN ?
HMM.

I KNOW!




YAAA!

THE AIR! I CAN'T BREATHE!!
HELLP!!



WOW!!
THE EARTH IS REALLY-REALLY BLUE!!

SAY TETSUYA .

HEY!! WHAT--

WHA-- WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?!

WE CAN BE ALL ALONE OUT HERE

HUH ?

YEAH, WELL OF COURSE HEH HEH
YOW! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ?!
I'M THINKING I'D REALLY LIKE TO HAVE TETSUYA'S BABY

WHA--WHA--
WHA--WHA--?!?
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM ?

BABIES COME ALONG SOMEDAY, ANYHOW.
BUT BUT KAHM

MMMMMM
?!

W-WAIT A SEC! KAHM!
THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD HAPPENING!

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU, TETSUYA !!
I'M IN THE MOOD, YOU IDIOT !
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN !! LOOK, LOOK UP !!
UP. ?
THE WHOLE SKY IS GLOWING !

THAT GLOW

IT'S A WARP-OUT ENERGY DIFFUSION EFFECT

A WARP-OUT ?! THAT MUCH LIGHT ?

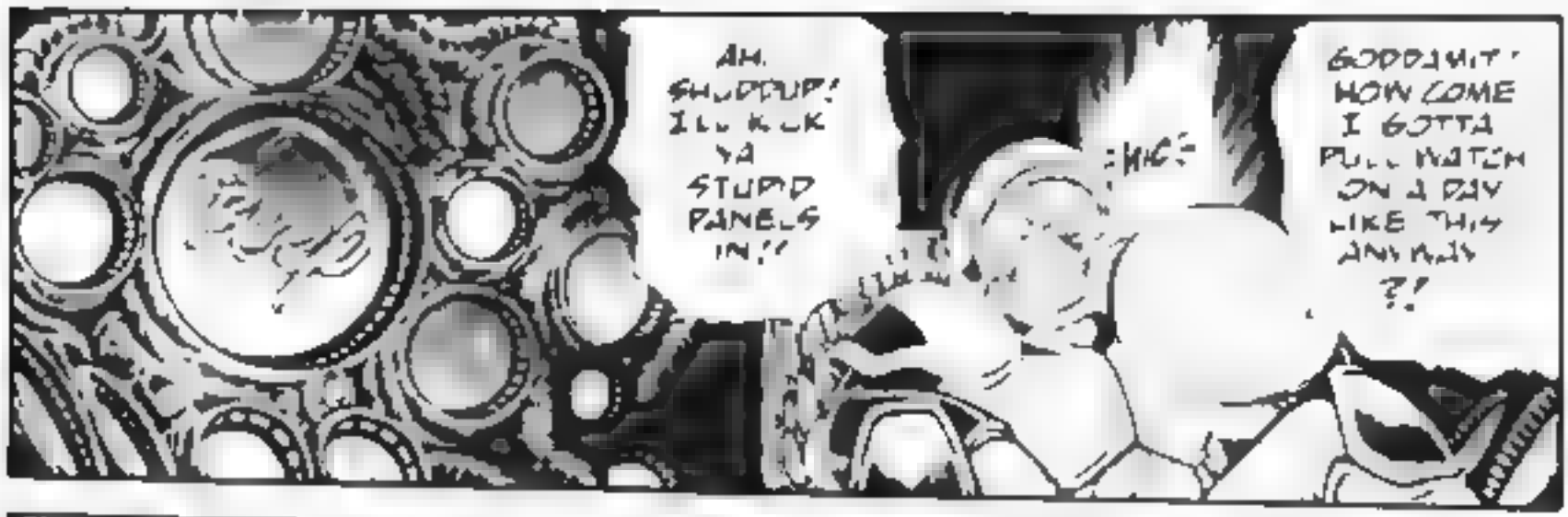
ONLY IF AN INCREDIBLE NUMBER OF SHIPS WARPED OUT TOGETHER..

KAHM COULD IT BE ?

THEY'VE COME

THE IMPERIAL SIXTH ARMY GROUP--

THE EIGHT MILLION SHIP NAVY !!


AH. SHUTTUP! I'LL KICK YA STUPID PANELS IN!!
HIC!
GODDAMIT! HOW COME I GOTTA PULL WATCH ON A DAY LIKE THIS ANYWAY ?!

BEEP BEEP
I TOLD YOU TO CUT IT OUT !!
F TH 4 IS A FALSE ALARM YOU'RE SCRAP CIRCUITRY YOU GODDAM MACHINE!

BEEP
BEEP

!!

SON OF A BITCH

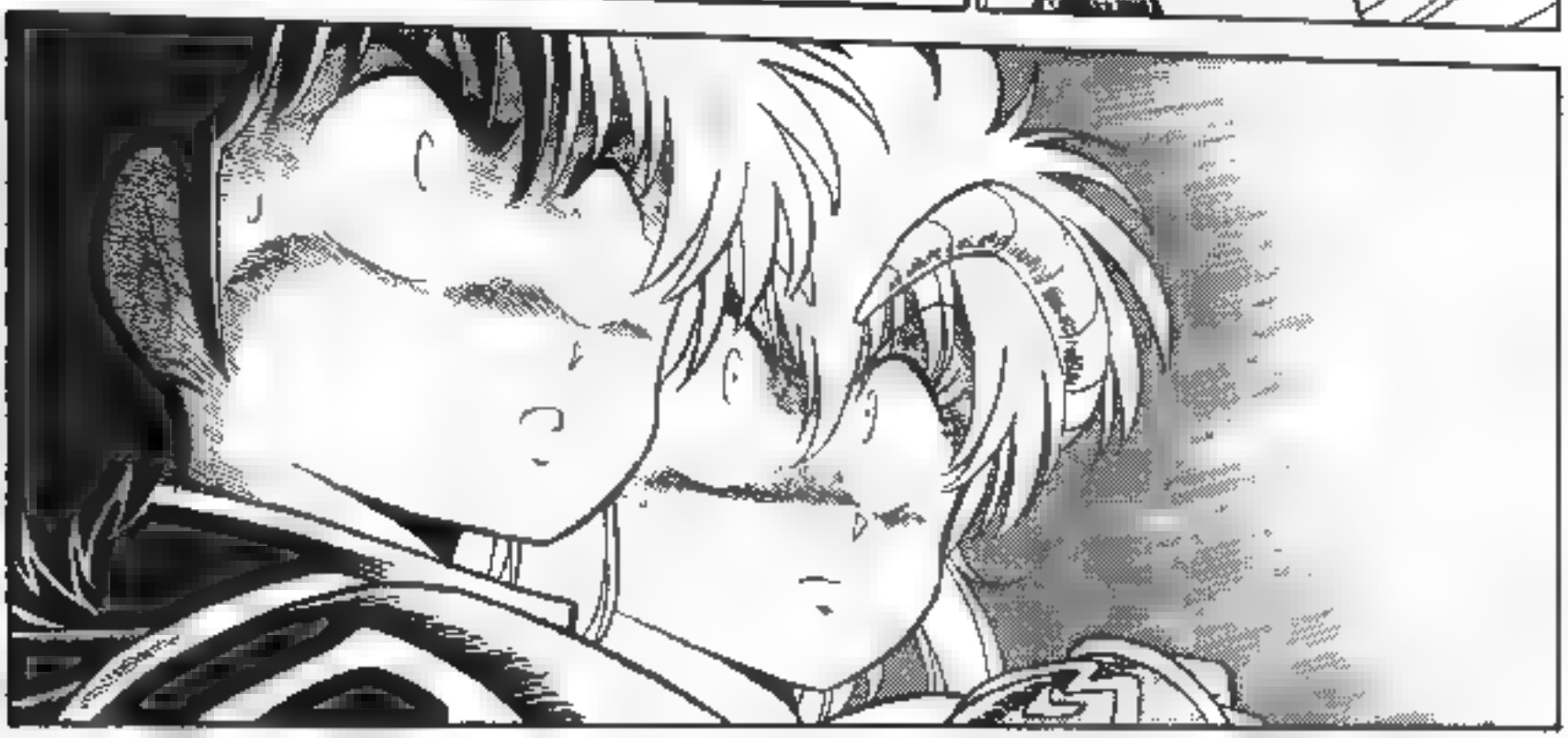
BOSS!!
EH ?

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? WHAT--
WHAT'S UP?

THEY.. THEY'VE COME!!
THEY? WHO'S THEY?

THEY'RE HERE!! THE IMPERIAL ARMY!!

I'LL BE DAMNED..



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TO BE CONTINUED.

ALL RIGHT, BOYS! TIME FOR A REAL PARTY!
HURRAH!
LET'S KICK SOME ASS!!

COME ON! HURRY!
JEEZ. WHY DID THEY HAVE TO COME RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR WEDDING?.

WAAAA

UNIVERSE

EXCELLENT ALL UNITS DECELERATE ALPHA-THREE COMBAT FORMATION!

THE *REAL* PROBLEM IS THAT DAMNED 'SACRED PLANET'

I DONT BELIEVE THOSE ABSURD MYTHS. DESPITE ALL THE PRATTLING BY OUR SNIVELING CHURCH LEADERS

BUT *SOMEONE* TOOK OUT THAT RECONNAISSANCE FLEET AND I DONT LIKE THE WAY THEY DID IT

COMMANDER IN CHIEF IMPERIAL SIXTH ARMY GROUP-- *GENERAL GERULH!*

STILL, OUR OVERWHELMING NUMBERS ADVANTAGE WILL SURELY GIVE US VICTORY OVER *ANY* ENEMY SIR!

YES YOU ARE QUITE CORRECT

SIR WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH THE *PRINCESS KAHM?*

THAT SQUALLING VIXEN ?

SHE MAY BE THE EMPEROR'S ONLY DAUGHTER, BUT HER DECISION TO RAISE AN ARMY AGAINST THE EMPIRE DEFIES BELIEF!

I AM IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH HIS MAJESTY'S DECISION TO HAVE HER SILENCED

IT IS OUR SACRED DUTY TO OBLITERATE *ANYONE* WHO REBELS AGAINST THE IMPERIAL WILL, NO MATTER *WHO* THEY MAY BE!

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ARE THEY WITHDRAWING ?

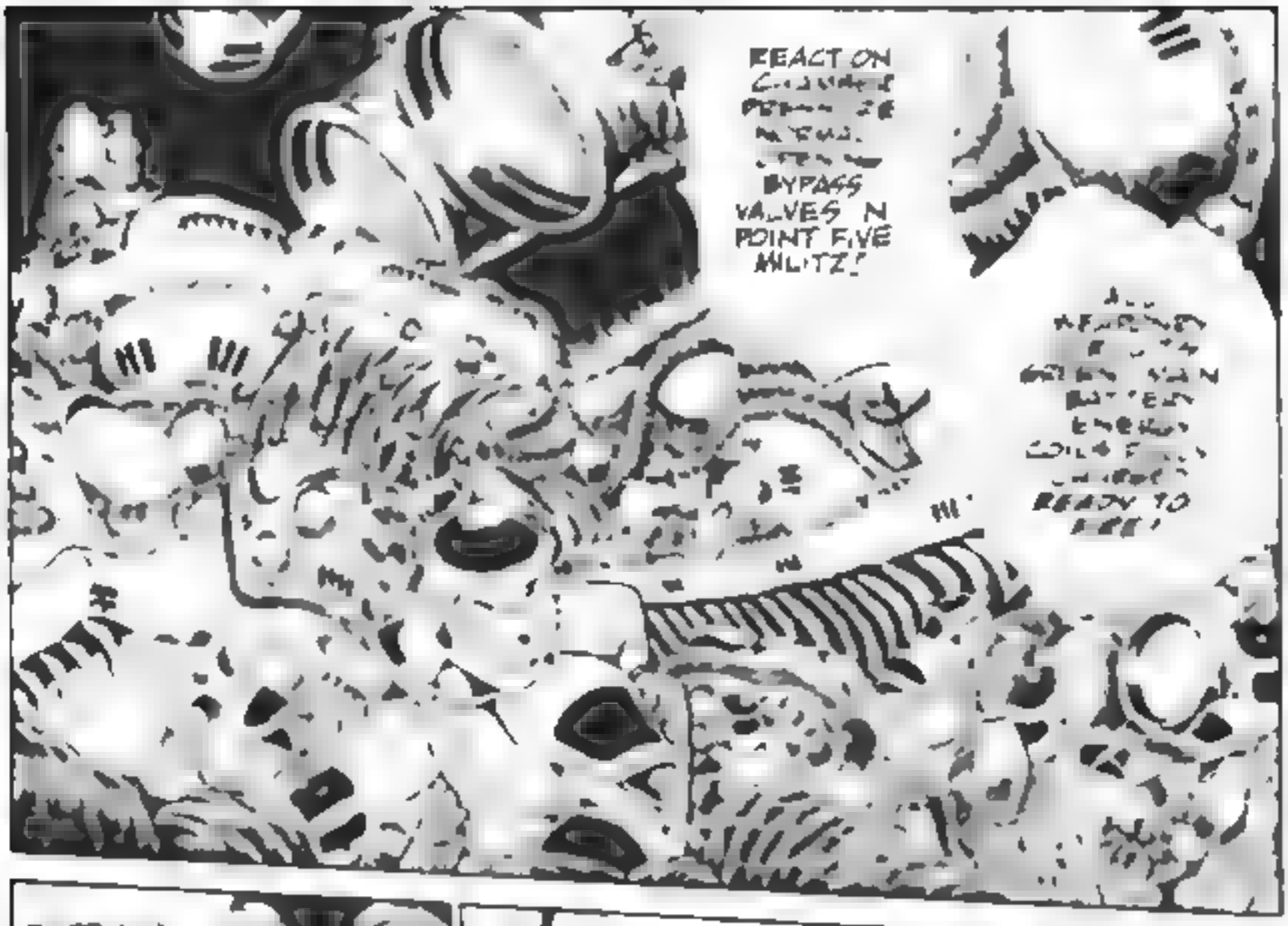
SIR!! THEY'RE CLOSING FORMATION-- THEY'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR US!!

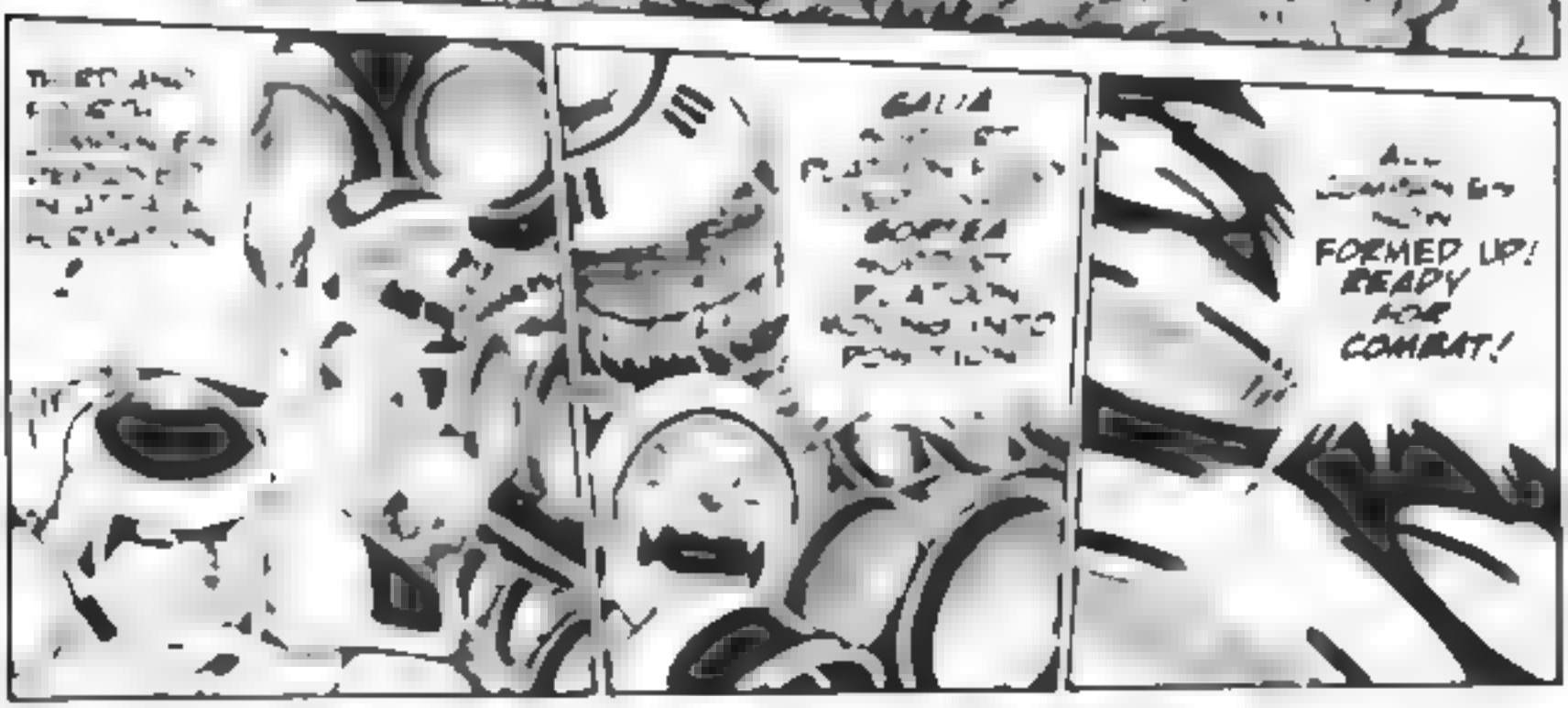
WHAT ?!

HAH! SO THE FOOLS WANT TO TRADE A FEW BLOWS BEFORE THEY RUN !

VERY WELL, THEN !

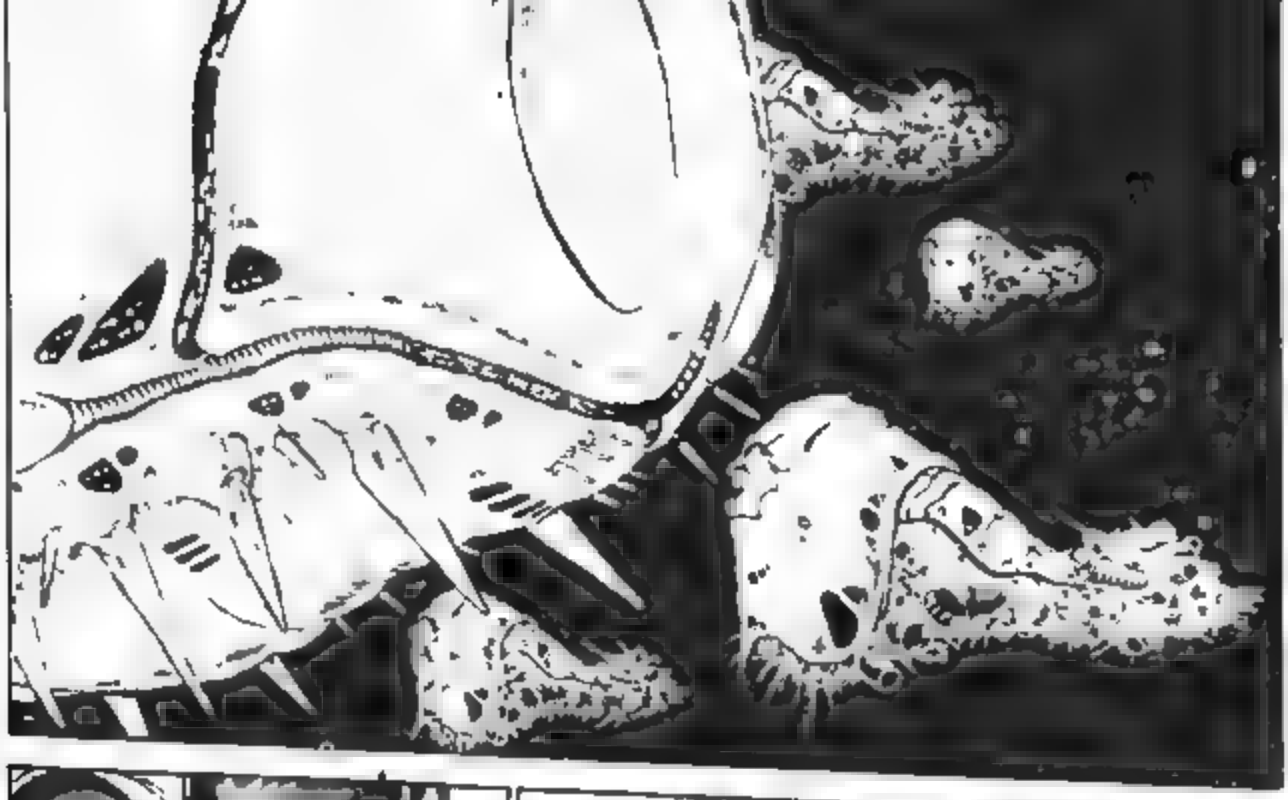
VRN VRN VRN

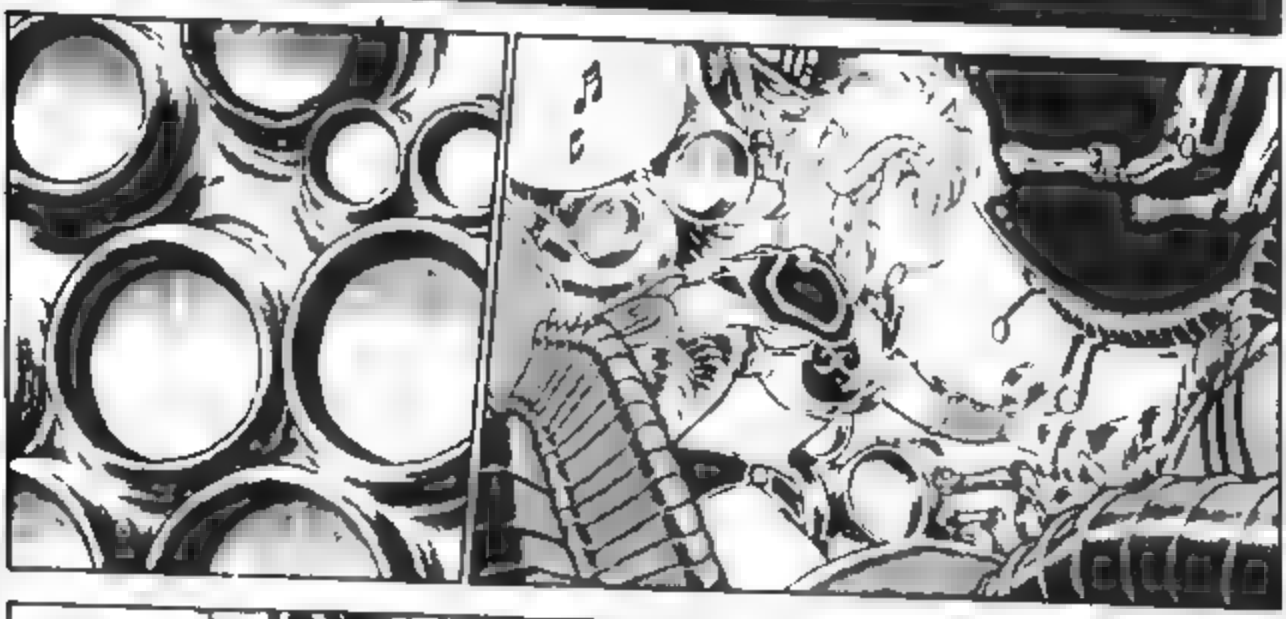

REACT ON
BYPASS
VALVES N
POINT FIVE
BLITZ!
READY TO

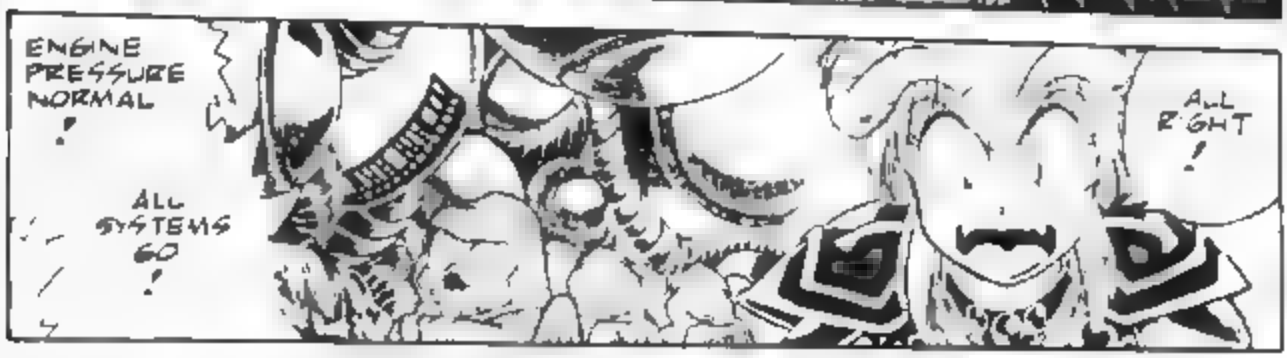

FORMED UP!
READY
FOR
COMBAT!

ALL
RIGHT
LISTEN
UP!!
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
NOTHIN'
!
THERE'S
ENOUGH
OF
THESE
GUYS FOR
EVERYONE,
SO LET'S
GIVE 'EM
HELL!

YO RATTIA! HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR NEW SHIP?
NOT BAD. BUT IT'S A REAL PIGPEN IN HERE! DON'T YOUR TROOPS EVER CLEAN UP?
BY THE WAY COMMANDER
WHAT'S THE BIG PLAN?
I FIGURE WE'LL CONCENTRATE ALL OUR FORCES ON ONE POINT IN THE R FORWARD PERIMETER
ONCE WE CRACK THEIR LINES. WE LET OUR MOMENTUM CARRY US AS DEEP NTO THEIR RANKS AS POSSIBLE.
IF THINGS GO GOOD, WE CAN BORE RIGHT NTO THE R HEART
CONSIDERING WHAT WE GOT TO WORK N TH, IT DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO DIVIDE OUR FORCES EH?
HMM.. FOR ALL THAT TALK ABOUT LOSING. YOU VE BEEN DOING YOUR HOMEWORK.
DAMN STRAIGHT WOMAN I DON'T GIVE A GODDAM ABOUT WINN.NG OR LOSING, BUT I SURE AS HELL LIKE FIGHTING!
ENOUGH TO DIE FOR IT!






ENGINE PRESSURE NORMAL!
ALL SYSTEMS GO!
ALL RIGHT!

TETSUYA! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

FINE, FINE.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING ?!

KICKIN' BACK-- WHAT *ELSE* CAN I DO?

IT WAS LIKE THIS WHEN WE ESCAPED FROM THE IMPERIAL PLANET TOO.

THERES NOTHIN FOR ME TO DO IN A FLEET ACTION IS THERE?

....

WELL, THEN-- YOU WANT TO TRY FLYING HER.. ?

OH, YEAH ?!

WOW! CAN I? REALLY? IT'S OKAY?

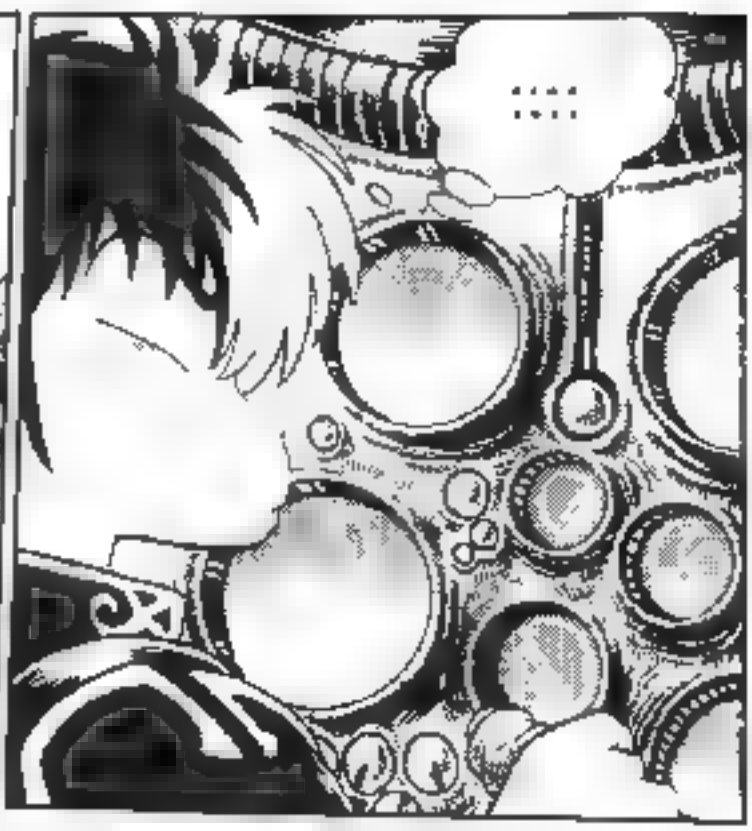
WHATEVER YOU WANT!

ER, EXCUSE ME, MR. TETSUYA, BUT I'M TOO YOUNG TO DIE.

WHAT KIND OF CRACK IS THAT? DON'T YOU TRUST ME ?

I'VE GOT A *DRIVER'S LICENSE* YOU KNOW! WITH AN *INTERNATIONAL* STAMP TOO!

HELL, IF EVEN KAHM CAN DO IT, IT MUST BE A SNAP!
AND JUST WHAT DOES THAT MEAN...?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GEE. IT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED, ISN'T IT..
IS THERE A SPEEDOMETER SOMEWHERE..?

WELL, YOU JUST DO YOUR BEST HONEY I'M GOING TO GRAB A BITE TO EAT
YAAH! WAT' WAIT A MINUTE!

YES, DEAR?
EH HEH WELL, DON'T YOU WANT TO, YOU KNOW. WATCH ME OR SOMETHING?

WHO, ME? WHEN YOU'VE GOT AN INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENCE?
HA HA OF COURSE... BUT Y'KNOW, A CHANCE IN A MILLION--

YO!

WHAT TH' HELL--THAT YOU AT THE CONTROLS, LITTLE BUDDY?
ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT?!

NAW. DON'T MATTER EITHER WAY
JUST LISTEN UP, BOTH OF YOU-- I WANT YOU KIDS AT THE BACK OF THE FORMATION, GOT IT?
JUST STAY BACK THERE AND BEHAVE YOURSELVES!

WHAT?! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! I DEMAND TO FIGHT!
YOU GUYS FOLLOW ME-- I'M THE PRINCESS, DAMMIT!

I'M WITH HER ON THIS ONE, GEOBALDI! I PLAN TO BE IN THE FRONT LINES!
RIGHT, RIGHT!

YOU TWO'LL JUST GET IN MY WAY!
I DON'T NEED YOU BUMBLING AROUND WHILE I'M TRYIN' TO FIGHT!

BESIDES, YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE ON YOUR HONEYMOON, DO YOU..?

SO JUST DO AS I SAY! GEOBALDI OUT
HEY!!

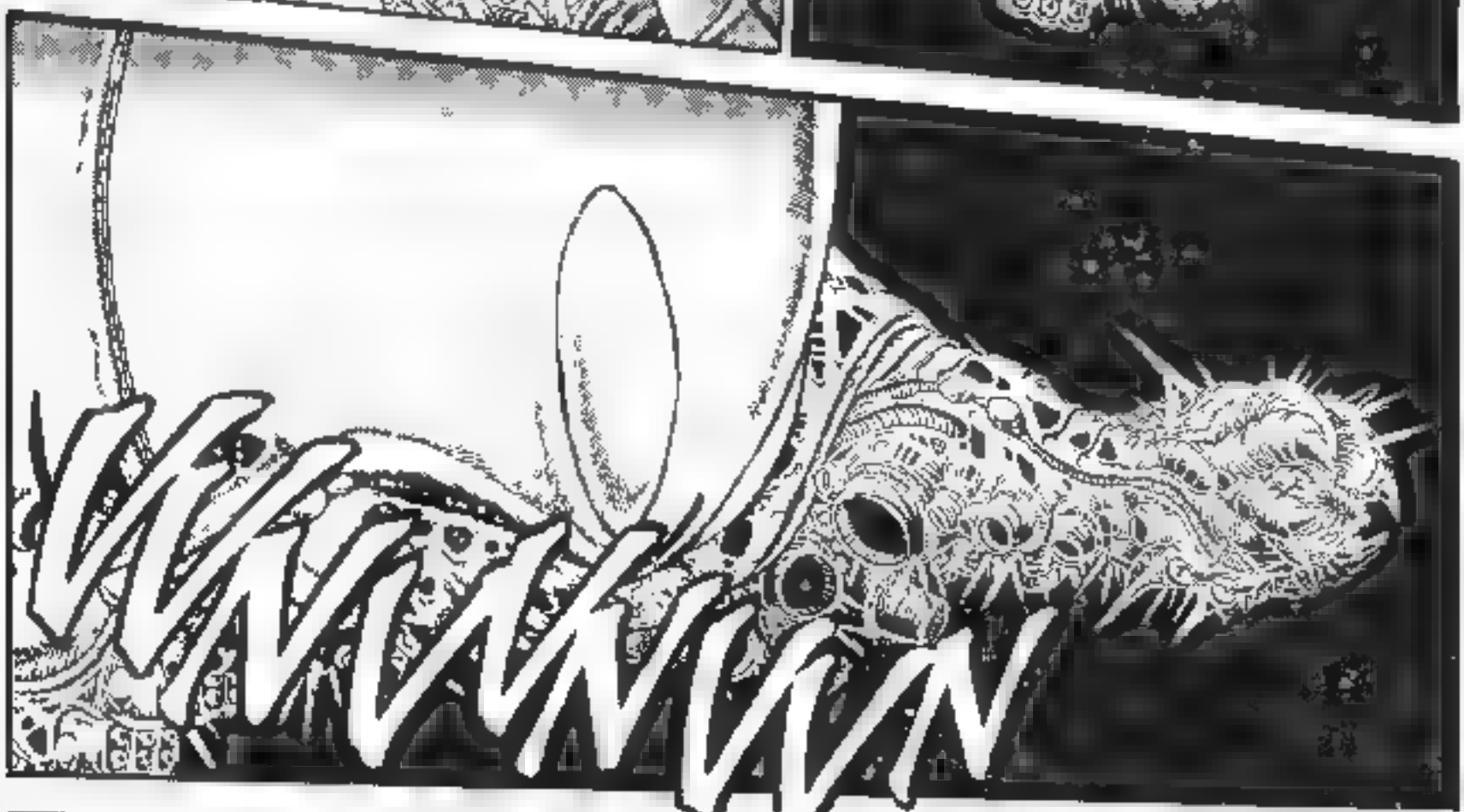
OUT OF MY WAY, TETSUYA!
WHO THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE IS, THAT OVERGROWN TEDDY BEAR! I'LL STRANGLE HIM..!

HEY! YOU SAID YOU'D LET ME FLY IT!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FOOL AROUND NOW!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "FOOL AROUND"?!

STOP WHINING THIS INSTANT!!



WELL, LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GONNA PULL UP NEXT TO US BOSS

FIGURES... I SHOULDA EXPECTED HER TO DO THE OPPOSITE OF WHATEVER I ASKED!

BRING UP THE TAC SCAN!

YES SIR!

ENEMY SIXTH ARMY GROUP TACTICAL COORDINATES ADG THROUGH Y157 DEPLOYED IN DEPTH IN THREE FLEET LAYERS.

TOTAL SHIP COUNT EXCEEDS TAC/COM CAPACITY. COMPUTATIONS FOR ENEMY COMBAT POWER RATIO TO FRIENDLY FORCES EXCEEDS TAC/COM CAPACITY.

HMM THEY'RE DEPLOYING IN TWO WINGS. THEY MEAN TO CATCH US IN A PINCERS, THEN BEAT THE SHIT OUT OF US.

LOOKS LIKE ABOUT A HUNDRED DIVISIONS HOLDING THE CENTER, EH, GARI?

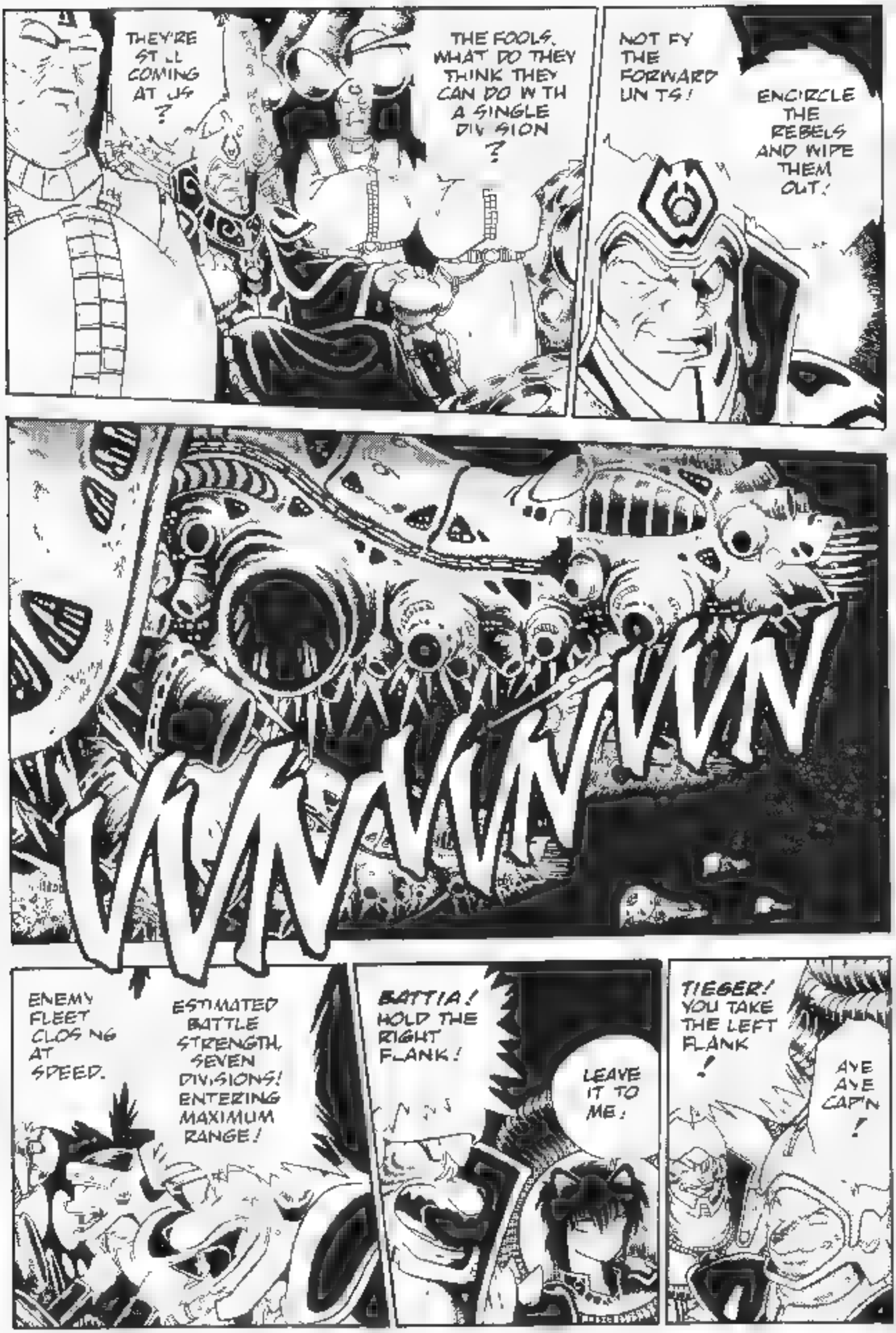
YEAH, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO BREAK THROUGH FIVE, MAYBE SIX DEFENSE LINES TO REACH IT

HELL, THEY PUT UP DEFENSE LINES, WE BLOW EM AWAY, THAT'S ALL!

BUT IF WE HESITATE, IF WE LOSE MOMENTUM FOR JUST ONE SECOND.. WE'RE FINISHED WITH ALL THAT FIREPOWER, THEY'LL SMEAR US

ENEMY FLEET MAINTAINING CLOSED FORMATION, GENERAL GERULHI! STILL ACCELERATING STRAIGHT AT US!

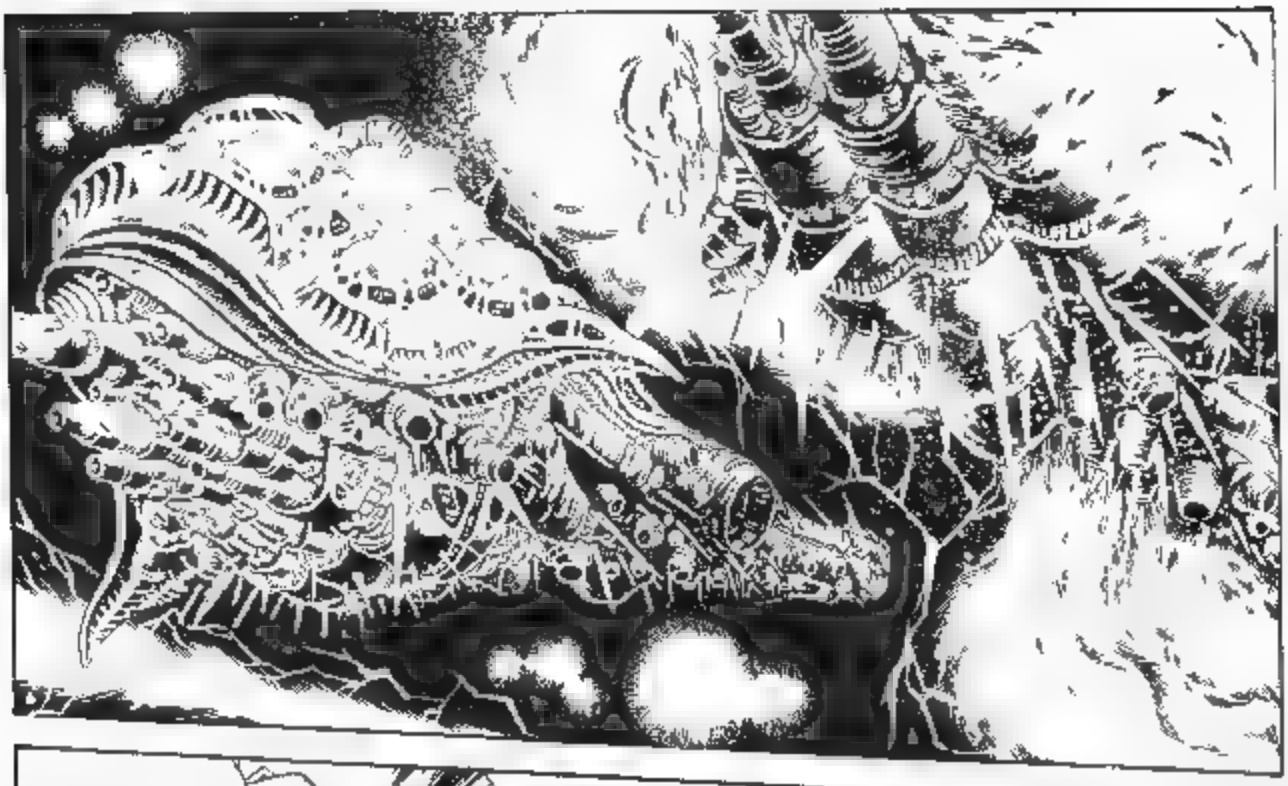
FIRST CONTACT WITH SKIRMISH LINE ANY SECOND NOW!


THEY'RE ST LL COMING AT US ?
THE FOOLS. WHAT DO THEY THINK THEY CAN DO W TH A SINGLE DIV SION ?
NOT FY THE FORWARD UN TS!
ENCIRCLE THE REBELS AND WIPE THEM OUT!
ENEMY FLEET CLOS NG AT SPEED.
ESTIMATED BATTLE STRENGTH. SEVEN DIVISIONS! ENTERING MAXIMUM RANGE!
BATTIA! HOLD THE RIGHT FLANK!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
TIEGER! YOU TAKE THE LEFT FLANK!
AYE AYE CAP'N!

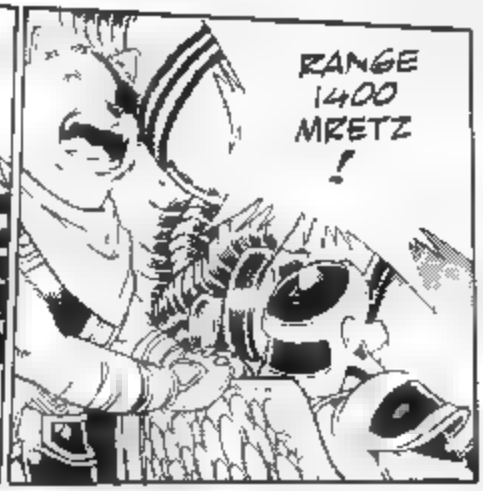
ALL RIGHT, BOYS--DON'T BREAK FORMATION!
HOLD YOUR FIRE UNTIL I GIVE THE ORDER!
LURE THEM IN! LET THEM CLOSE UNTIL EVERY SHOT YOU MAKE HITS HOME!
FRZZAK
ENEMY SHIPS OPENING FIRE!
HYPERVELOCITY ENERGY CHARGES CLOSING!

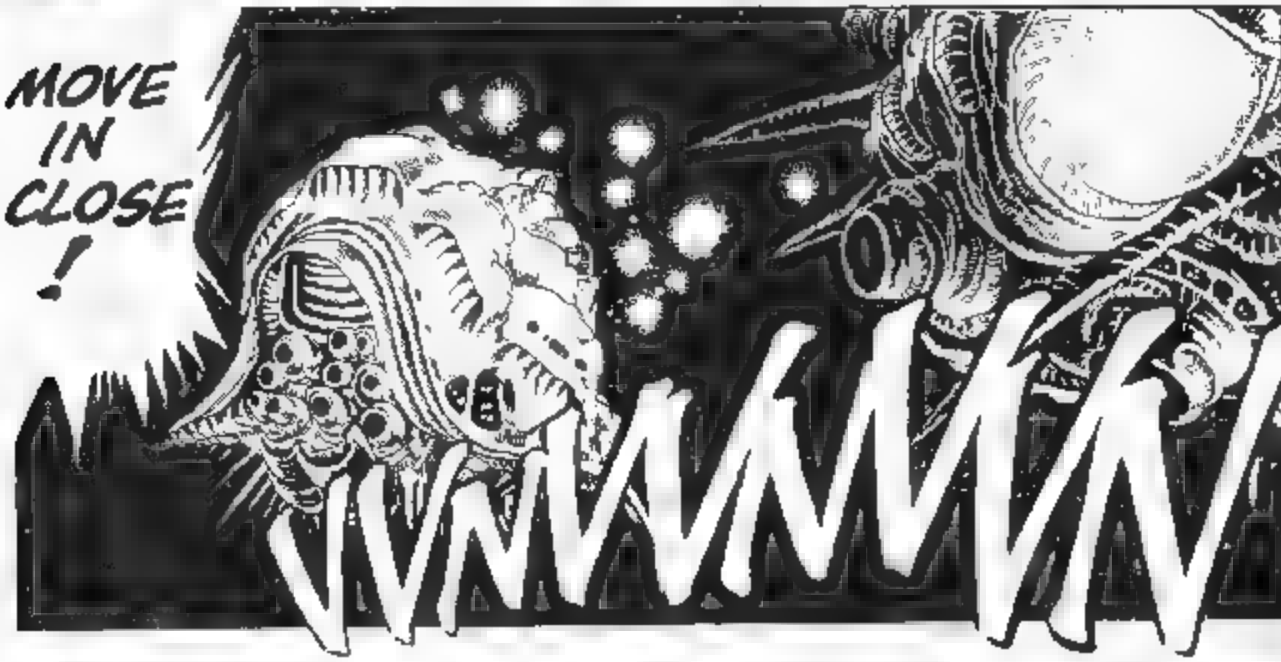
ZAWH
OOSH
HOOSH
VHOOSH
YAAH!
KOOM

WWhoosH
BOSS! WHY DONT WE SHOOT BACK ?!
THEY'RE INSIDE OUR EFFECTIVE RANGE !
SO WE CAN MISS LIKE THEY ARE ?. HOLD YOUR FIRE !
WHKROOM
THIRD COMPANY FLAGSHIP HIT !
WHOOM

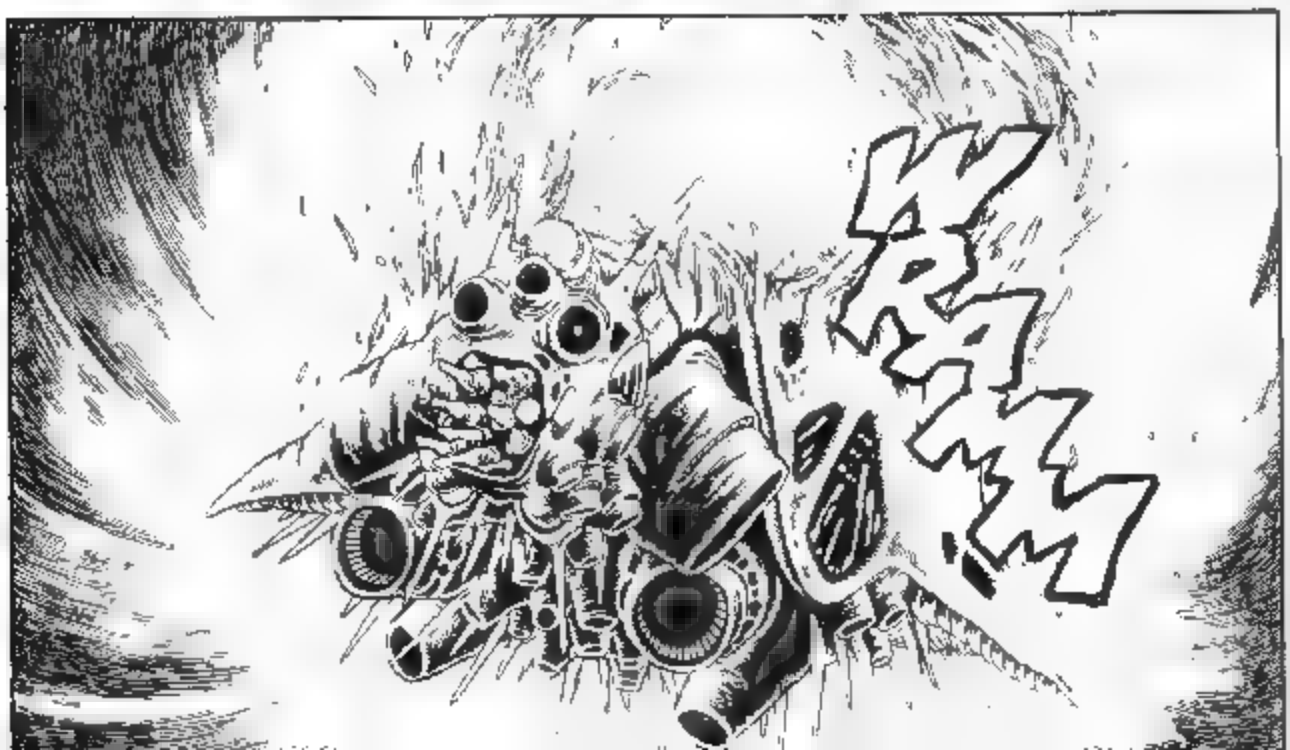


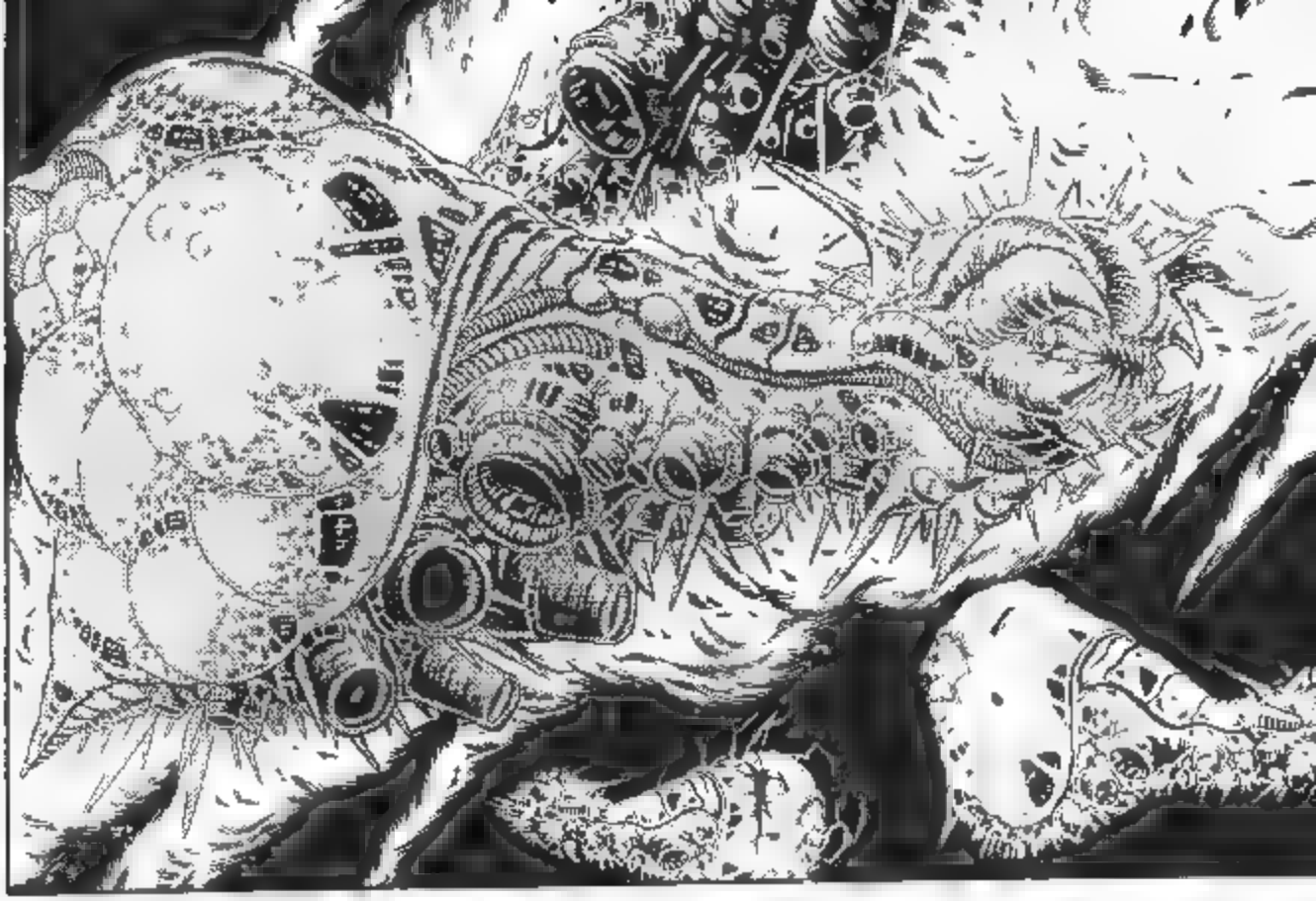
ALL RIGHT! SCYTHE FORMATION!
IGNORE YOUR LOSSES! CHOOSE YOUR TARGETS!


RANGE 1400 MRETZ!


MOVE IN CLOSE!

FIRE!!
FLAK!


KRAM!



WHAT A TURKEY SHOOT WE'VE BEEN THROWN NTO BATTLES WORSE THAN THIS A HUNDRED TIMES!
WE'RE THE ONLY PROFESSIONALS HERE!

THERE'S ONE RIGHT IN FRONT!
RIGHT!

YOU'RE MINE!!

SKRAKK

BKOOM
ALL RIGHT!
HMPH! PIECE OF CAKE!
OKAY, WHO'S NEXT?!
MISS RAISA! PLEASE, WAKE UP!
NNGG... LEMME ALONE CAN'T DRINK ANY MORE
BUT MISS RAISA! THE PARTY'S OVER! WE'RE AT WAR NOW!!
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
OH, MISS AKI! CAN YOU HELP ME? IT'S MISS RAISA!

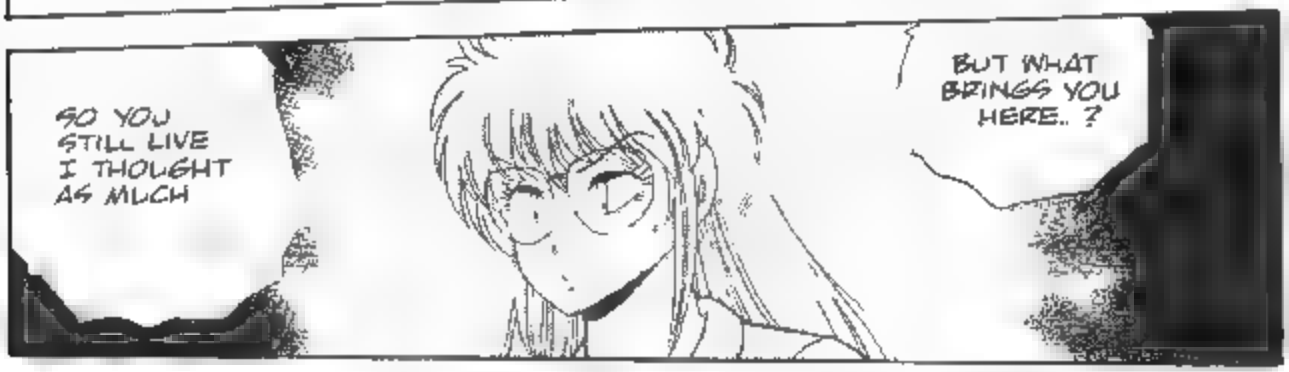
OH, DEAR SHE'S TOTALLY SMASHED, ISN'T SHE ?
COME ON, GIRL WAKE UP!
OOOG. GIMME SOME WAT'R... MY HEAD.

OH, SHE'S HOPELESS!
MEGANE, COULD YOU ?
I'M ON MY WAY!

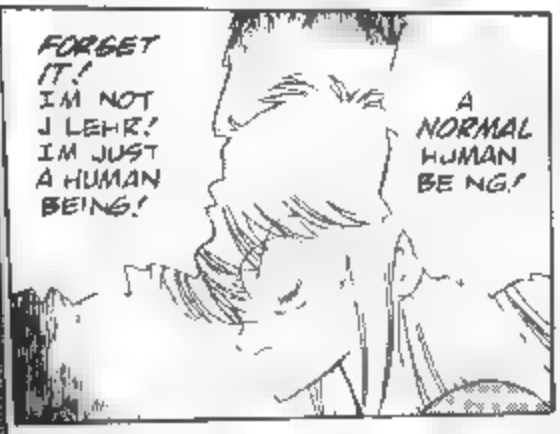
COME ON, RAISA. SNAP OUT OF IT!
HIC
GODDAMN MEN! WHO NEEDS EM ?!

JILEHR...!

LORD
LORD NEO..?
IT IS I.


SO YOU STILL LIVE I THOUGHT AS MUCH
BUT WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE..?

IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO GO TO WORK, JILEHR


FORGET IT! I'M NOT J LEHR! I'M JUST A HUMAN BEING!
A NORMAL HUMAN BE NG!

IF YOU WANT REVENGE, THEN DO IT YOURSELF !!
?

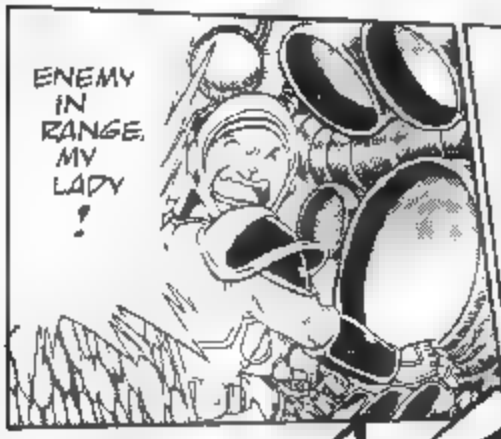
THIS IS YOUR FATE, JILEHR! BOW TO DESTINY!
I WON'T!
GET AWAY FROM ME!
GET AWAY!!
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE YOUR FATE! IT WAS DECIDED LONG AGO!
NOOOO!!

THREE FORWARD DIVISIONS DESTROYED! REBELS STILL ADVANCING!
HO! THEY PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT!
YOU'VE EARNED THE RIGHT TO CALL YOURSELVES REBELS, MY FRIENDS!
LET'S SEE HOW FAR YOU CAN GET!
NEW UNITS CLOSING!
OH, PHOOEY!
LIGHT CRUSER FLOTILLA AT 10 O'CLOCK!
SHAKE THEM OFF! DON'T LET THEM SURROUND US!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM--YOU HANDLE THE ADVANCE!
RIGHT! I'M COUNTING ON YOU, GIRL!

HAH! THEY'RE HARDLY WORTH THE TROUBLE!
JUST YOU WATCH— WE'LL WASTE THEM!

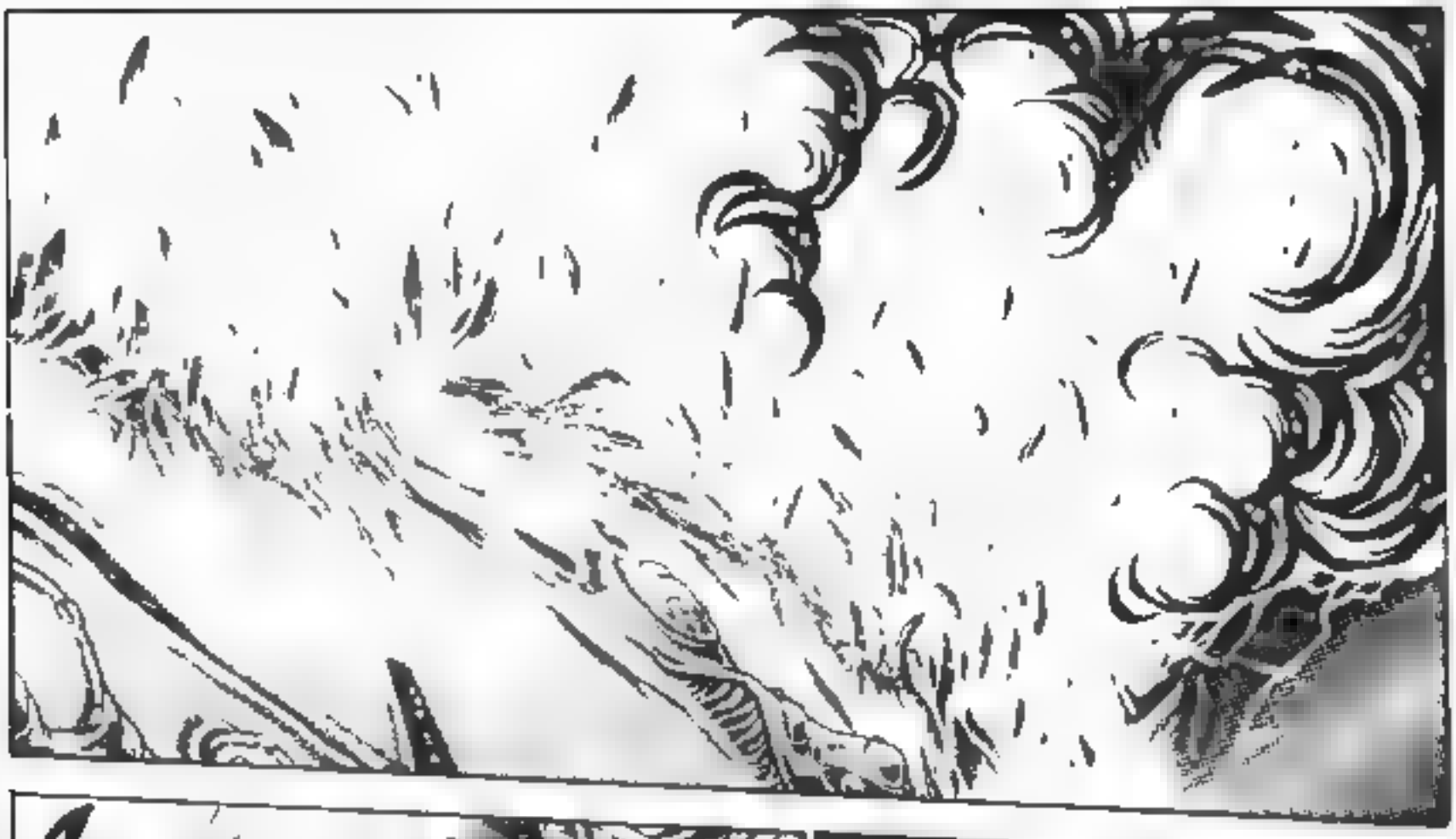
BEEP BEEP BEEP


ENEMY IN RANGE, MY LADY!

GUNNERS! DON'T LET A SINGLE ONE THROUGH!
FIRE!!

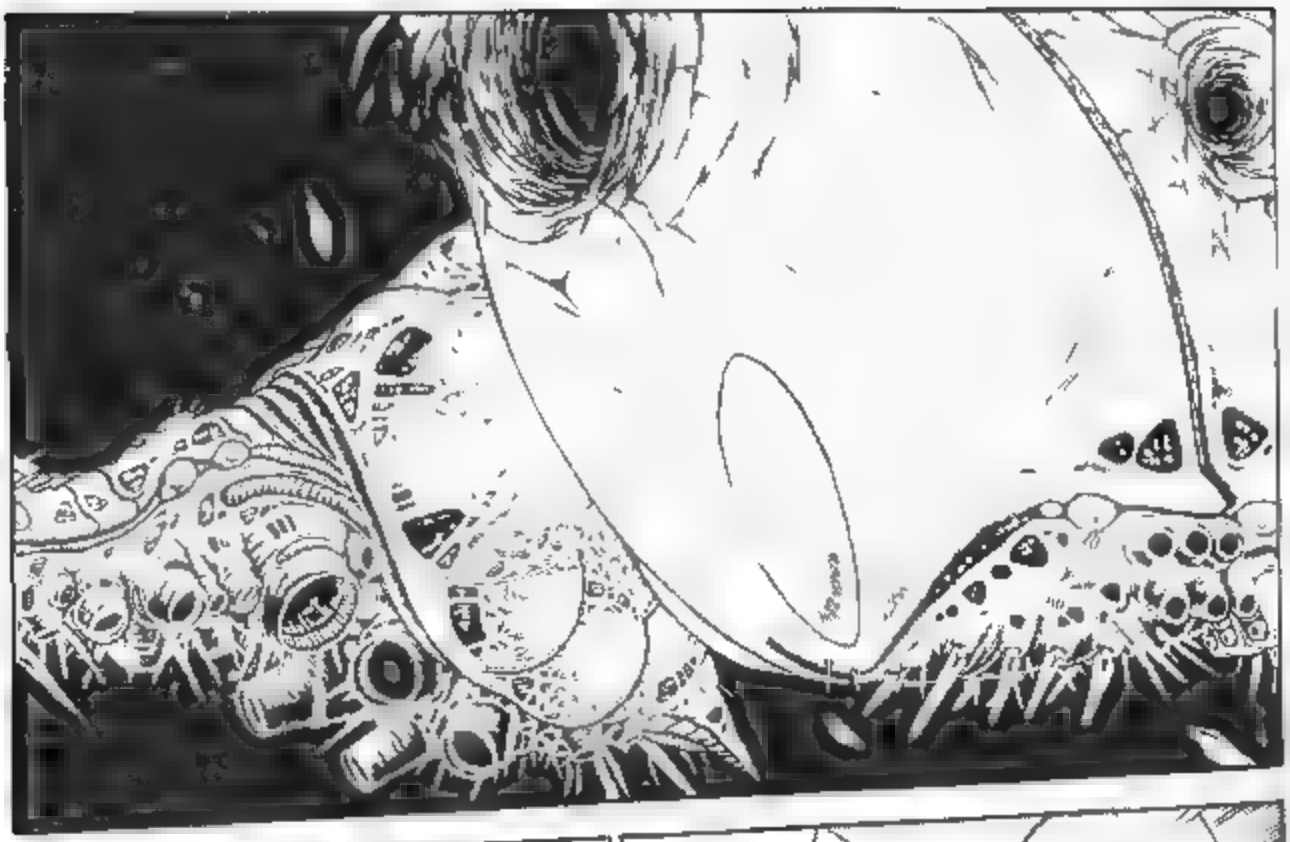
FWOK

HEY ! OUT OF MY WAY !!
ALL RIGHT, PAL! YOU'RE GONNA BE SORRY!
DAMMIT KAHM! DON'T STRAY SO FAR FROM THE FLEET!
THEY'LL PICK US OFF OUT HERE!
AW, SHUT YOUR YAP! I'M HAVING FUN!
FLEET
KAHOOM!



AIEE!
SKRASSH

BKOOM!
YAIEE!
DAMN IT ALL !!



THEY'VE HIT THE PRINCESS YACHT!
IT FIGURES...
HEY KAHM! YOU ALL RIGHT?

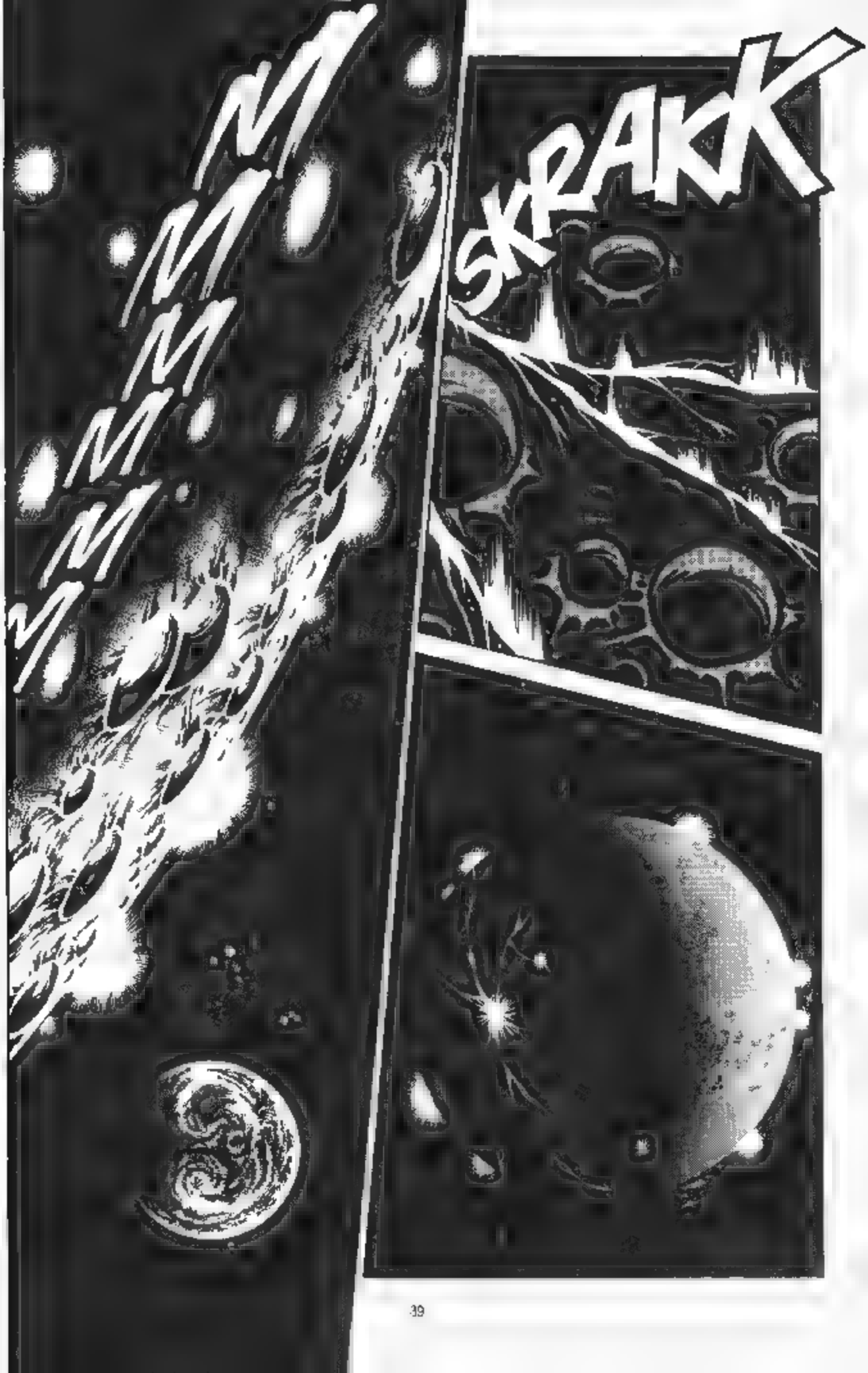
AW, SHUT UP! NEVER FELT BETTER!
SORRY I ASKED.

SEE WHAT YOU DID?! I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET CARRIED AWAY!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT FOR POKING YOUR NOSE IN, YOU BACKSEAT DRIVER!

DON'T TRY AND BLAME ME, YOU DUMMY!
"DUMMY," IS IT?! I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT!

YOU HAVEN'T DONE A DAMN THING TO HELP ALL DAY TETSUYA NO YOU JUST SHUT UP !
AND WATCH US ALL DIE BECAUSE OF YOU ?! NO WAY!
FOR GOD'S SAKE FIGHTING IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR?!
NEWLYWEDS ! BAH!
ER EXCUSE ME MR TETSUYA WHAT'S THE NAME OF EARTH'S BIG SATELLITE ?
HUH ?
WE CALL IT THE MOON
WHY DO YOU ASK ?
WELL I HATE TO BOTHER ANYONE, BUT
I'VE BEEN GETTING THESE STRANGE ENERGY READINGS FROM IT
...AND NOW IT SEEMS TO BE ALTERING ORBIT
ENERGY READINGS? ALTERING ORBIT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE MOON'S JUST A BIG HUNK OF ROCK !

WHOOSH
YAAH!
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE! LOOK, JUST FORGET ABOUT THE MOON, OKAY ?!
YES SIR
ALL RIGHT YOU! TAKE THAT! AND THAT!


MMMMM
SKRAKK

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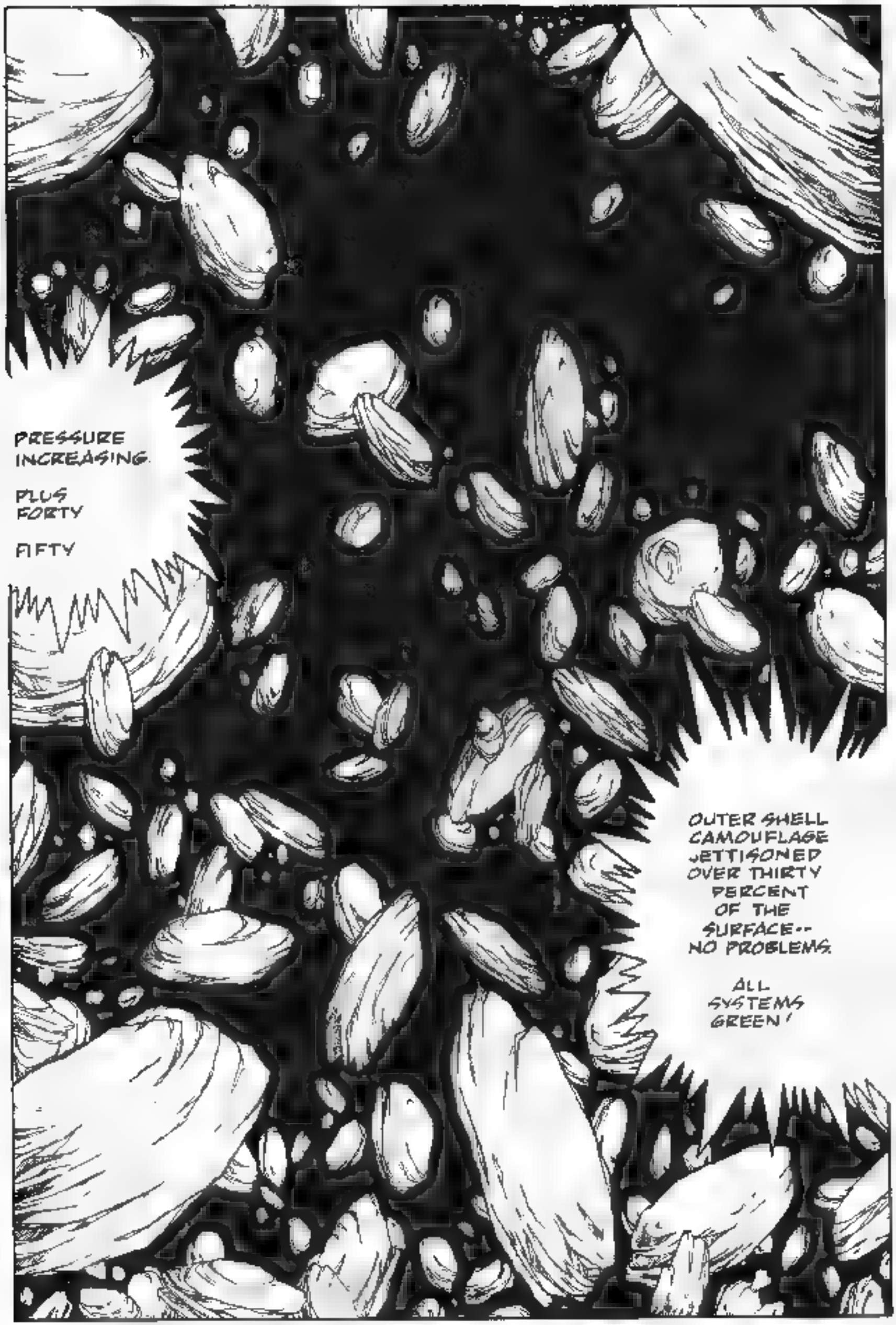
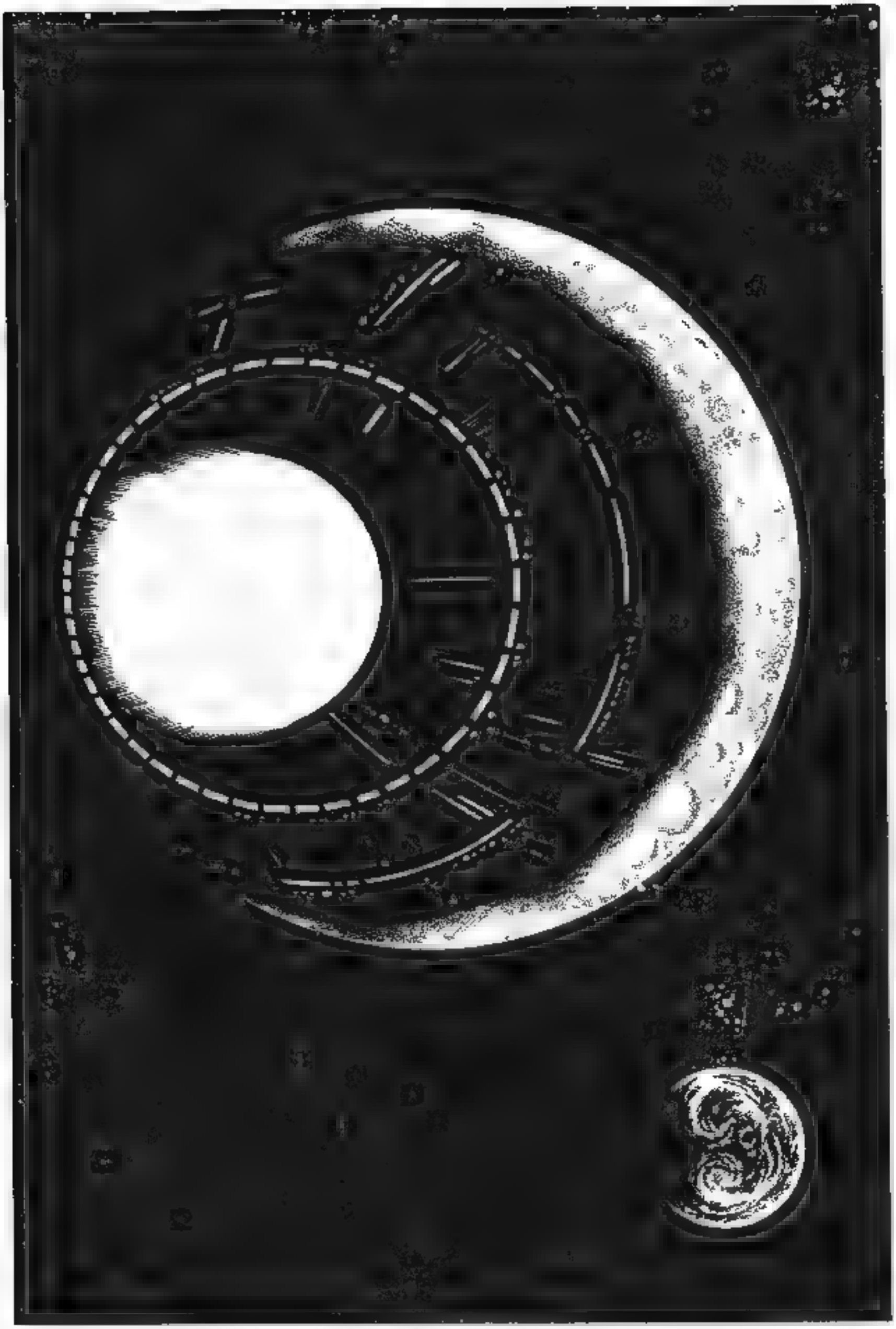
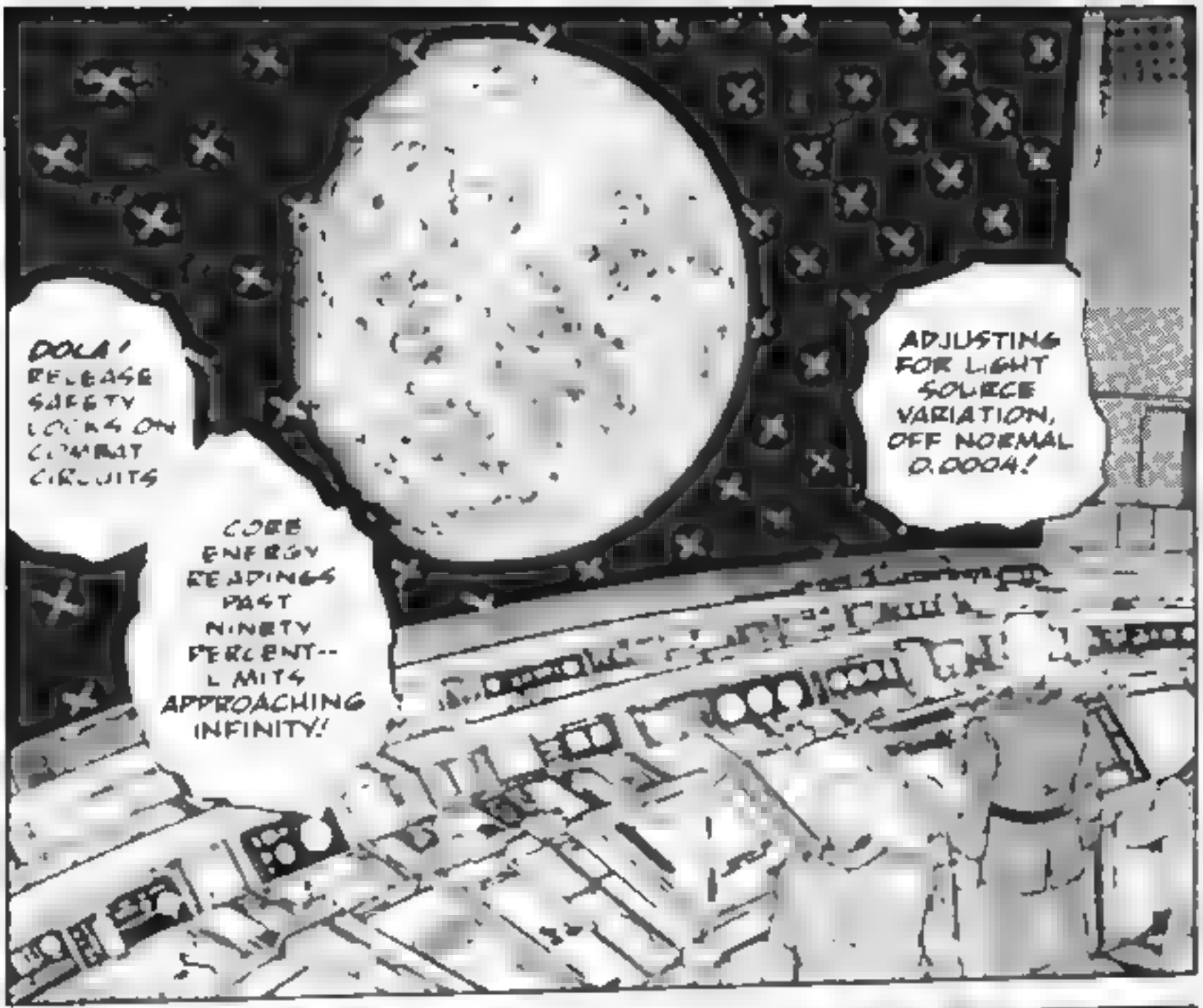
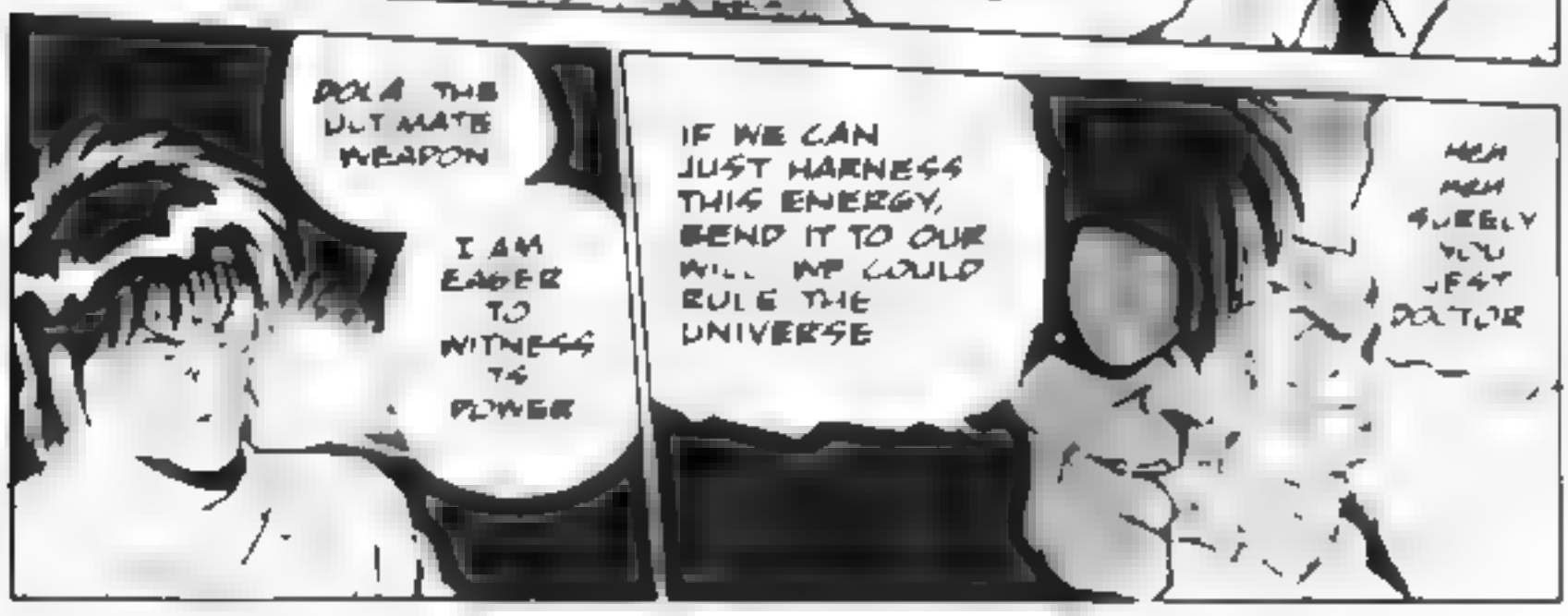

PRESSURE INCREASING.
PLUS FORTY
FIFTY
OUTER SHELL CAMOUFLAGE JETTISONED OVER THIRTY PERCENT OF THE SURFACE-- NO PROBLEMS.
ALL SYSTEMS GREEN!




DOLA! RELEASE SAFETY LOCKS ON COMBAT CIRCUITS
CORE ENERGY READINGS PAST NINETY PERCENT-- LIMITS APPROACHING INFINITY!
ADJUSTING FOR LIGHT SOURCE VARIATION, OFF NORMAL 0.0004!

IT'S REACTING FLAWLESSLY
INCREDIBLE LYING HERE ABANDONED FOR COUNTLESS MILLENIA AND NOT A SINGLE SYSTEMS FAILURE
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!


DOLA THE ULTIMATE WEAPON
I AM EAGER TO WITNESS ITS POWER
IF WE CAN JUST HARNESS THIS ENERGY, BEND IT TO OUR WILL WE COULD RULE THE UNIVERSE
HEH HEH SURELY YOU JEST DOCTOR

NOTHING OF THE SORT, GENERAL. THE POWER CONTROLLED BY THIS STATION IS NEARLY INCONCEIVABLE

POWER ENOUGH TO SHAKE THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF THE *SANTOVASKU EMPIRE!*

THANKS TO *DOLA*, WE STAND AT THE GATEWAY TO A NEW ERA FOR THE HUMAN RACE-- THE ULTIMATE POWER IN THE UNIVERSE!

THAT'S QUITE *ENOUGH*, DOCTOR!

SUCH TALK CAN ONLY FAN THE FLAMES OF AGGRESSION!

OUR DUTY IS ONLY TO DEFEND THE EARTH TO THE LAST

AFTER WE DESTROY THE ENEMY FLEET WE MUST NEGOTIATE A LASTING CEASEFIRE WITH THE IMPERIAL ARMY

"THE PEOPLE OF EARTH ARE SICK OF WAR

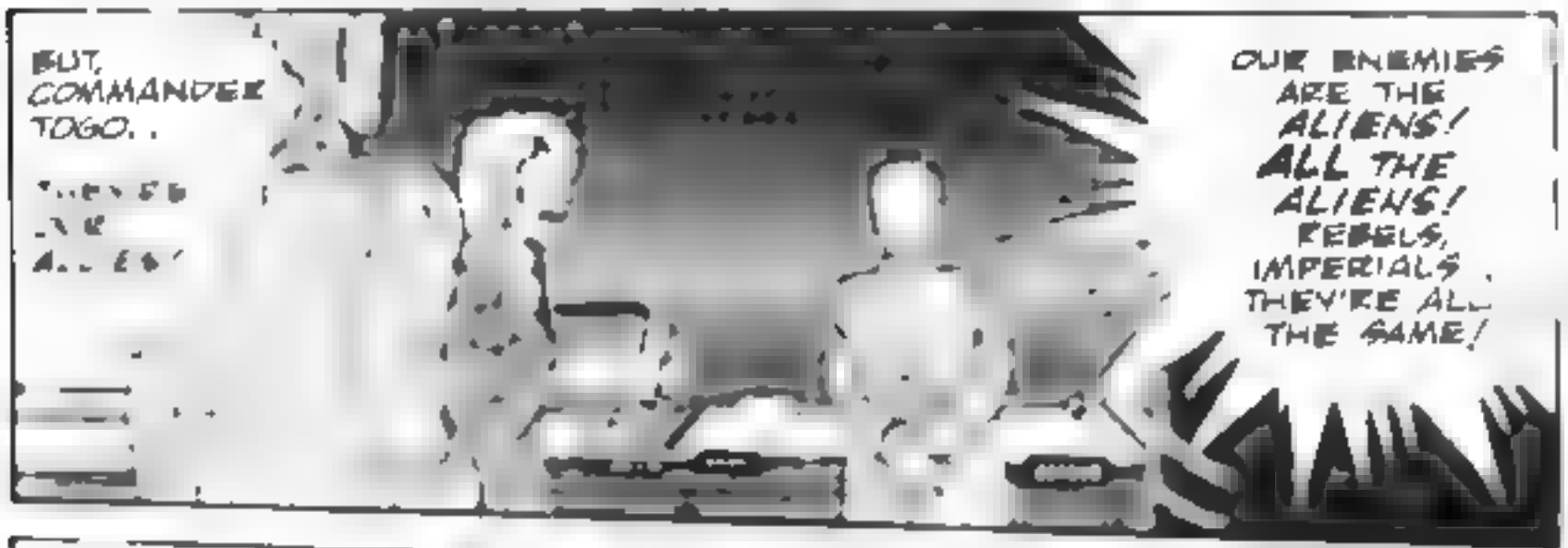
IF *DOLA* ALLOWS US TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE OF POWER WITH [redacted] SANTOVASKU, THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH"

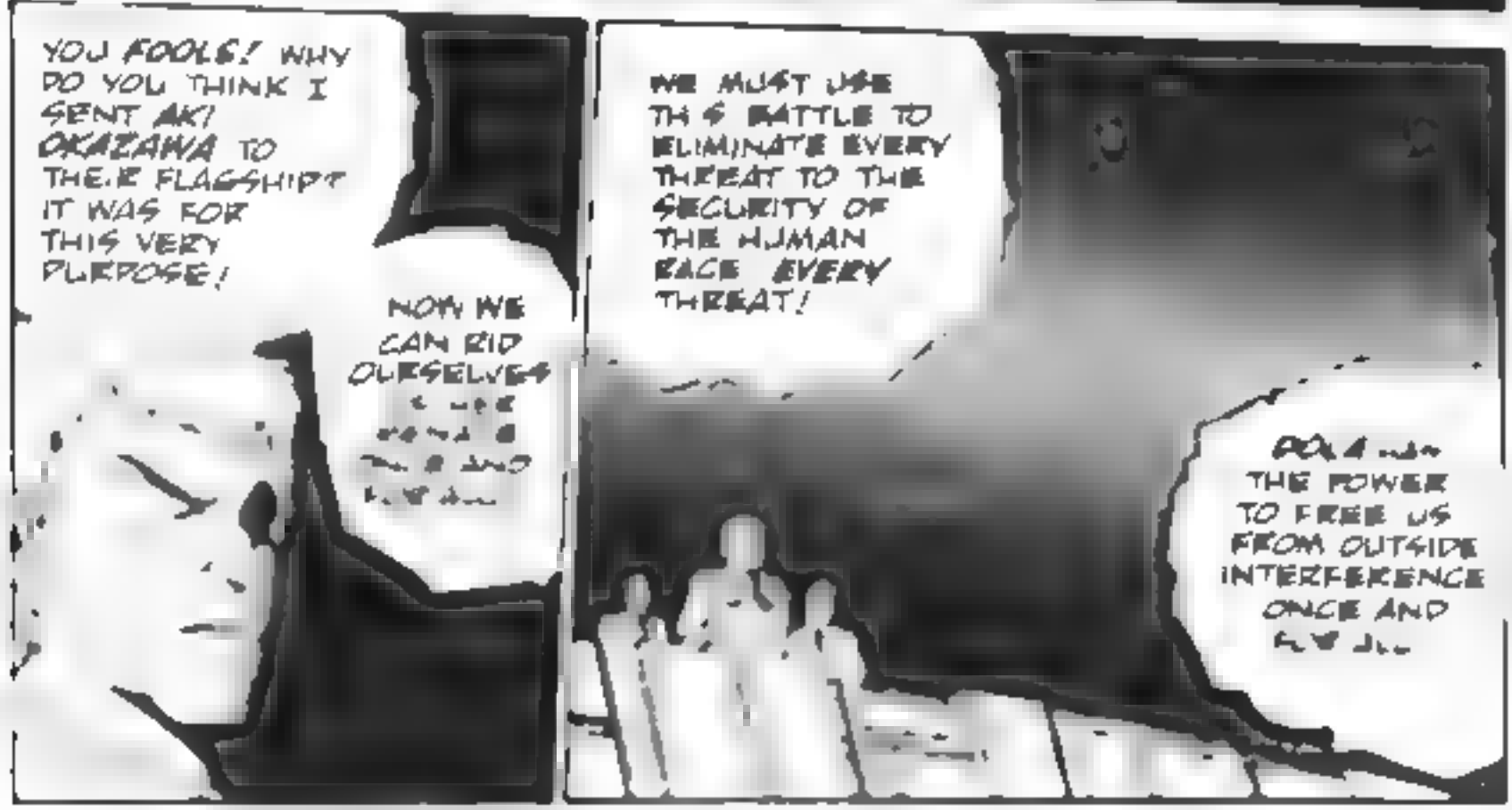
IT SEEMS YOU HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE POWER OF MY LITTLE TOY

OF COURSE WE DO! WE'RE NOT SO MAD AS TO TRUST OUR DESTINY TO A HALF-OPENED PUZZLE BOX!

VERY WELL. BUT WHEN YOU SEE THIS STATION IN ACTION, YOU'LL SOON CHANGE YOUR TUNE

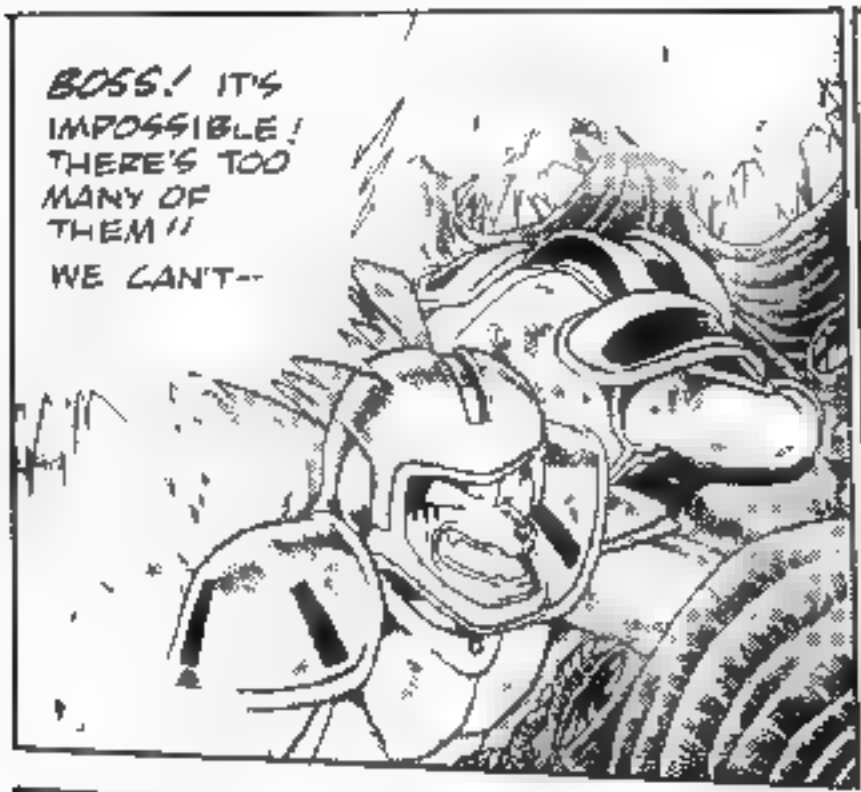
COMMANDER
WE HAVE AN
SIR!
THEY'RE DIRECTLY
THE IMPERIAL
FLEET!
IMMEDIATELY
NO!!
AS
PLANNED!


BUT,
COMMANDER
TOGO..
OUR ENEMIES
ARE THE
ALIENS!
ALL THE
ALIENS!
REBELS,
IMPERIALS
THEY'RE ALL
THE SAME!

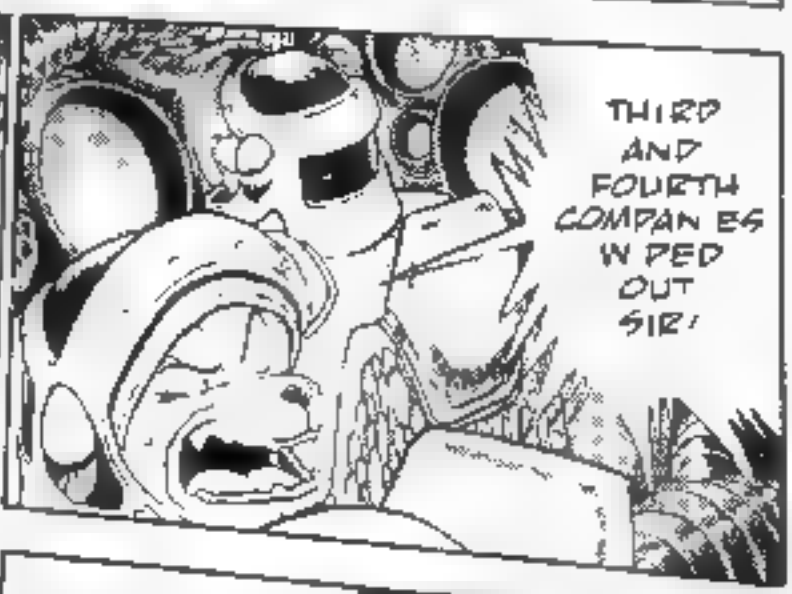

YOU FOOLS! WHY
DO YOU THINK I
SENT AKI
OKAZAWA TO
THEIR FLAGSHIP?
IT WAS FOR
THIS VERY
PURPOSE!
NOW WE
CAN RID
OURSELVES
WE MUST USE
THIS BATTLE TO
ELIMINATE EVERY
THREAT TO THE
SECURITY OF
THE HUMAN
RACE EVERY
THREAT!
THE POWER
TO FREE US
FROM OUTSIDE
INTERFERENCE
ONCE AND

THE HUMAN RACE W LL BAND TOGETHER IN THE FACE OF TH S THREAT FROM OUTER SPACE.
AND THEN, THOSE OF US WHO HAVE LABORED SO LONG N THE SHADOWS WILL STEP FORTH INTO THE LIGHT.
WE WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF THOSE INCOMPETENT POLITICAL HACKS.
AND THEN..
Heh Heh Heh..

FKOOM


BOSS! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!! WE CAN'T--

GUAHH!

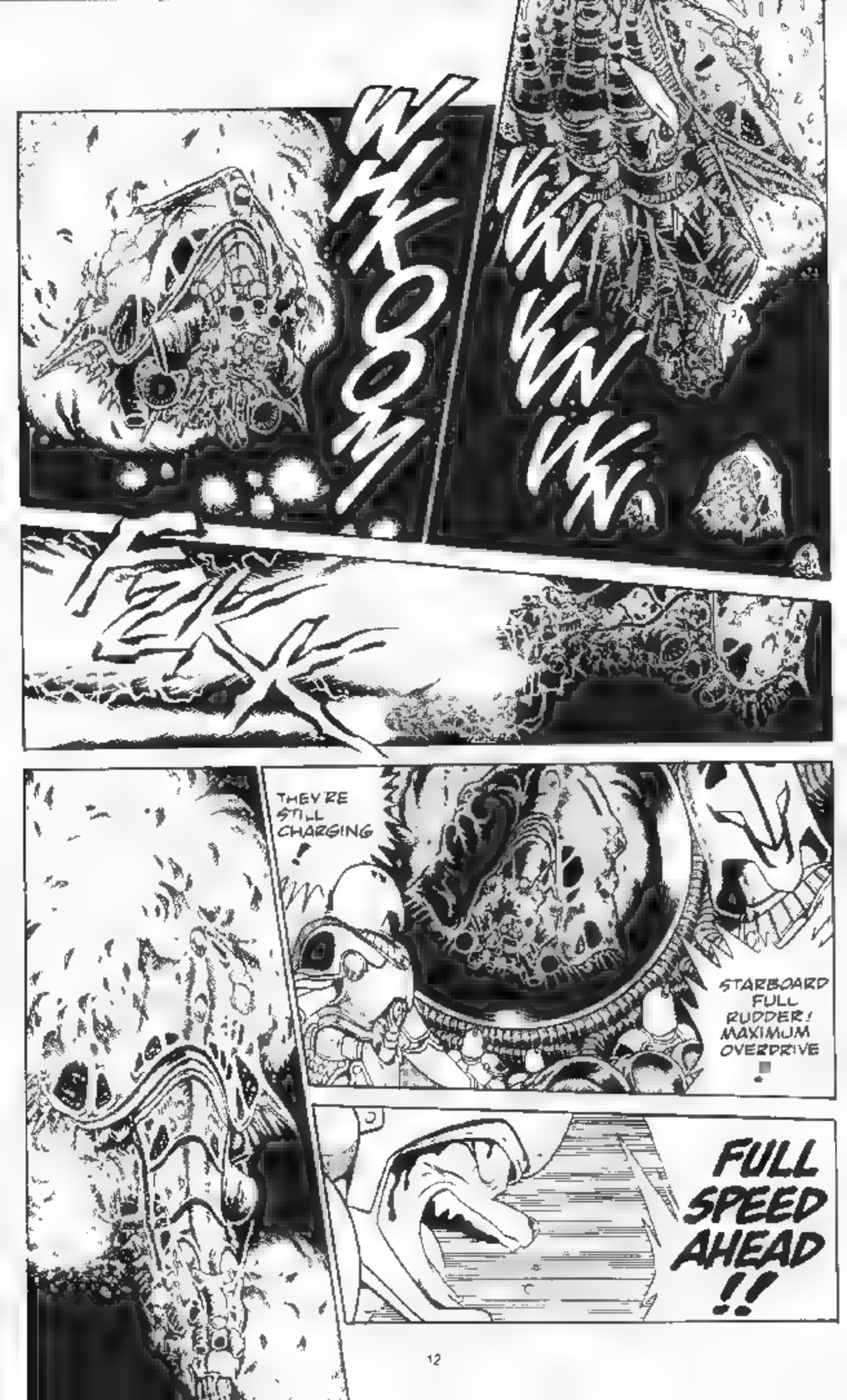

THIRD AND FOURTH COMPAN ES W PED OUT SIR!

GODDAMMIT THEY RE DROWNING US IN SHIPS!

LADY RATTIA'S UNIT IS TAK NG A POUNDING, SIR!
WHAT ?!

VVNVVNVVN
LADY BUTTA ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHAT
HEY! ANYONE TAKE LADY BUTTA TO A LIFEBOAT
HOLD IT!!
I'M IN COMMAND ON THIS VESSEL!
AND I SAY WE CAN STILL FIGHT
PLEASE MY LADY
STOP THAT UNHAND ME YOU

JUST WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
FORGIVE US, LADY BATTIA!
BUT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU, WE WOULD HAVE FAILED OUR BOSS GEOBALD!
GOD DAMMIT, I'M YOUR BOSS ON THIS SHIP!!
YOU THINK I CAN JUST ABANDON MY SHIP AND GO RUNNING OFF LIKE A SPOILED BRAT?!
WHAT WILL I TELL GEOBALD!?!
LET GO OF ME!! LET GO, I SAID!!
PLEASE CONVEY MY BEST TO COMMANDER GEOBALD! LADY BATTIA!
CAPTAIN VAGRA! THE BASTARDS ARE CLOSING IN!
LET THEM! PORT FULL RUDDER-- MAXIMUM BATTLE SPEED!
THEY'RE ABOUT TO PAY THE PRICE FOR MESSING WITH US!
DAMN RIGHT, CAPTAIN!


WKOOM
WKKKKK
THEY'RE STILL CHARGING!
STARBOARD FULL RUDDER! MAXIMUM OVERDRIVE!
FULL SPEED AHEAD!!

BOSS! WE BROUGHT LADY BATTIA!

BATTIA!

GEOBALDI

DAMMIT YOU'RE HURT!
HEY!! GET A GODDAMN MEDIC OVER HERE NOW!!
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
LOOK, GEOBALDI I'M SORRY I SCREWED UP LOST MY SHIP

WHAT THE HELL YOU TALKIN ABOUT, GIRL?! WE'VE BEEN SHOT TO PIECES TOO
DAMMIT, WE'VE LOST...

THEY'RE JUST GOING TO KEEP COMING AND COMING

DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP! WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN-- WE'LL SHOW THEM A REAL WAR!

YOU'RE RIGHT

NOW IT REALLY GETS INTERESTING, HMM...?

GAR!! HOW MANY SHIPS LEFT?

INCLUDING THIS ONE TWENTY-FOUR IN FIGHTING TRIM

SEVEN MORE CAN STILL NAVIGATE BUT THEIR GUNS ARE DOWN

GOOD ENOUGH! ORDER EVERY SHIP TO CLOSE RANKS!

WE'RE PUNCHING THROUGH!

HEY WE STILL HAVENT SEEN THEIR FLAGSHIP EH?

IT'S TOO DAMNED EARLY FOR JA TO DIE!

LISTEN UP, BOYS!! WE NEED A PRESENT TO TAKE TO HELL!!

WE'RE GOIN' IN AFTER THEIR COMMANDER'S HEAD!!

HEY! WA T UP, YOU GUYS!

GEEZ, KAHM--DO SOMETHING WE'RE GONNA GET LEFT BEH ND!

WE'VE REALLY BEEN SHOT UP--OUR THRUST IS DROPP.NG FAST!

NOW I'M PISSED!!

WHAK

I DOUBT THAT'S GONNA DO ANY GOOD, KAHM!

PRINCESS KAHM! THE NERVOUS SYSTEM FOR SH P CONTROL HAS BEEN DAMAGED

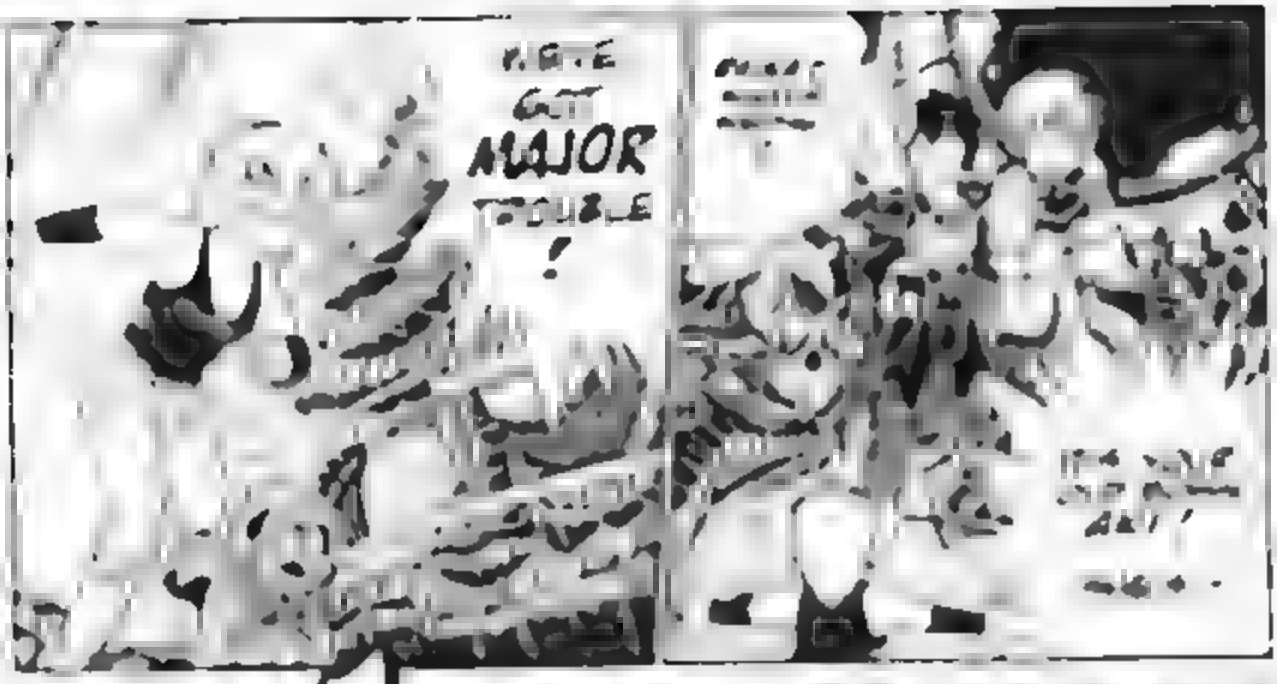
IT'S GROWING BACK. BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME

KAHM WILL YOU STOP ?!

KANG

YOU SCUMBAG! PIECE OF JUNK!!

TETSUYA! TETSUYA! TETSUYAAA!!

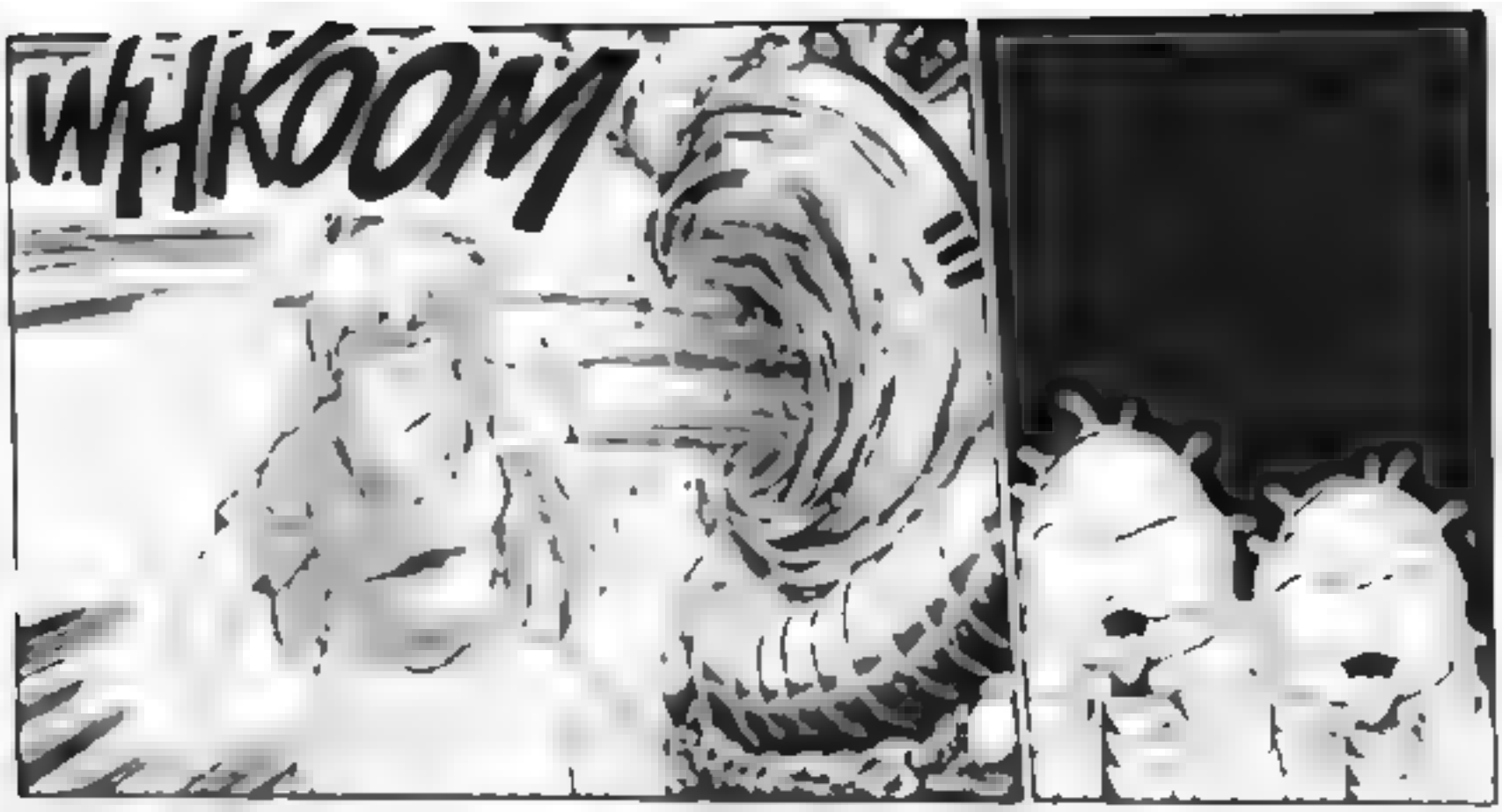

GOT
MAJOR
TROUBLE
!

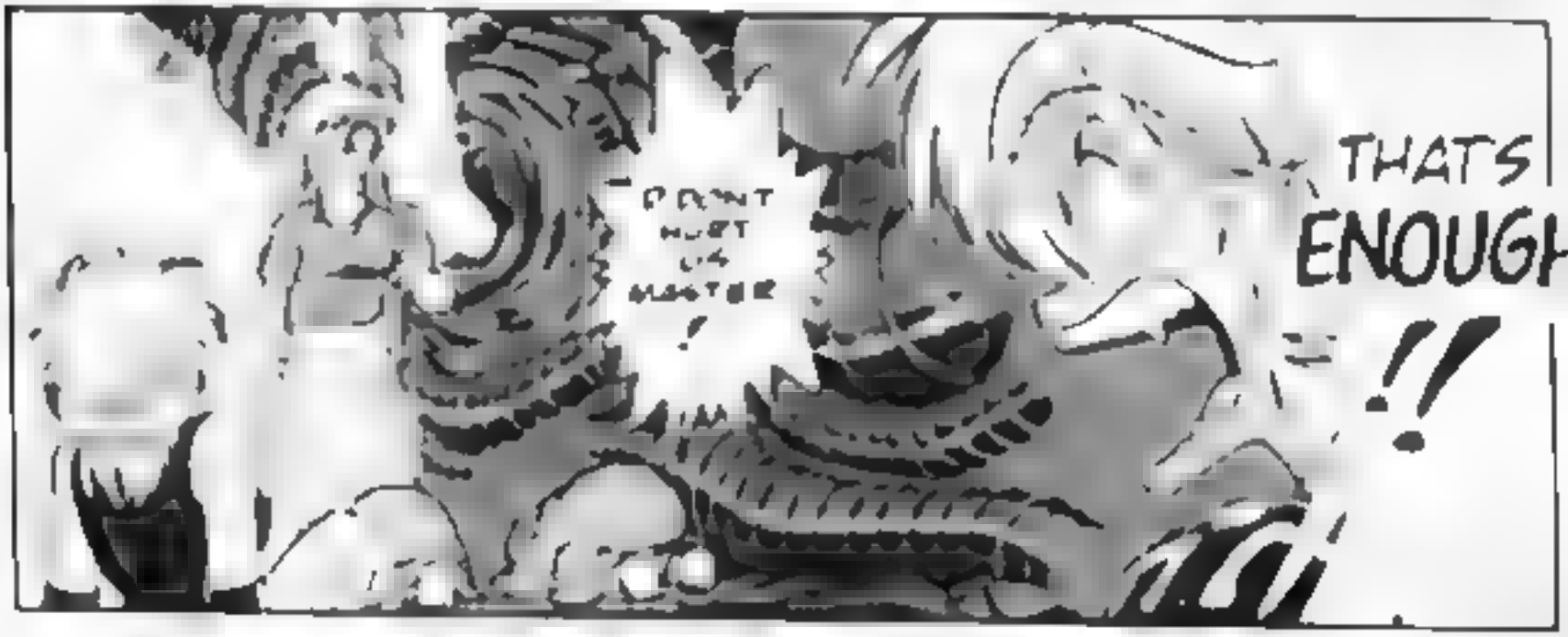
BOOM

AKI ?!
WHAT--

A-AKI ?
STOP! DONT GET NEAR HER!
BUT
LOOK AT HER EYES, TETSUYA! SHE'S NOT NORMAL, I TELL YOU!
IS. IS THAT REALLY YOU?
SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH, TETSUYA
THERE'S SOMETHING NHUMAN BEHIND THOSE EYES
HUH ?
THOSE EYES LIKE THE EYES OF THE ROYAL FAMILY OF THE SANTOVASKU EMPIRE
THAT'S CRAZY! SHE'S JUST A NORMAL EARTHLING, LIKE ME !

AKI! IT'S ME! YOU REMEMBER ME TETSUYA!
TETSUYA, DON'T!
AKI!
HYAAGGH!
ME TETSUYA!
T-TETSUYA!
HOW DARE YOU HURT ME TETSUYA!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!


WHKOOM


DONT HURT US MASTER!
THATS ENOUGH!!

WHAT ?!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU
AN' OKAY, NOW THAT'S SURE

AIEE!
FZZAKK
KOO KAHM!!
I I DON'T BELIEVE IT
WHO.. WHO ARE YOU.. ?
NO! STOP !

YOU LEAVE MY SHIP ALONE !!
KAHM, STOP IT! SHE'S TOO STRONG FOR YOU!

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY DEFEAT ME
IF YOU DON'T WANT THE BOY HURT, SHUT UP AND BEHAVE YOURSELF

RR!

EEYOW!!

WAA WAA WAAH!

I AM JILEHR!!

THE MOST POWERFUL SORCERESS OF THE YOMA CLAN!

"JILEHR" ?!

SURELY YOU MUST KNOW ME CHILD OF ROYAL BLOOD.
AND IF YOU DO, ALL THE MORE REASON TO FEAR MY POWERS
?
YOU'RE JILEHR ?
MY FATHER TOLD ME STORIES, BUT

MORE THAN STORIES, CHILD I AM THE LEGEND!
SO WHAT ARE YOU AFTER ?!
JUST THE SHIP ?
OR ME-- THE CROWN PRINCESS ?!

WHAT CONCERN ARE YOU TO ME, CHILD ?
THERE IS BUT ONE IN THIS UNIVERSE WORTHY OF BATTLE WITH ME--
THE GALACTIC EMPEROR HIMSELF !!

FROM THE FRONT, SIR! THE REBEL ARMY HAS BEEN ALL BUT ANNIHILATED
..HOWEVER THE LAST CONTINUING TO ATTACK!
YOU OLD
WHY THE GREAT

SIT ON YOUR ASS TOO LONG AND YA GET PILES, GENERAL, SIR
IT'S A DRAG, GETTIN' OLD EH?!

WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO TAKE THAT HEAVY OL HEAD OFF YOUR SHOULDERS FOR YA!
SEE YA SOON, GRAMPA!

HMPH! A CHILDISH DISPLAY! BARBARIAN CUR
HOLD IT— NOT SO FAST
CUT THE LINE!

I'VE BEEN FEELING RATHER BORED
I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR LITTLE CHALLENGE, GEOBALD!

OH HO!!

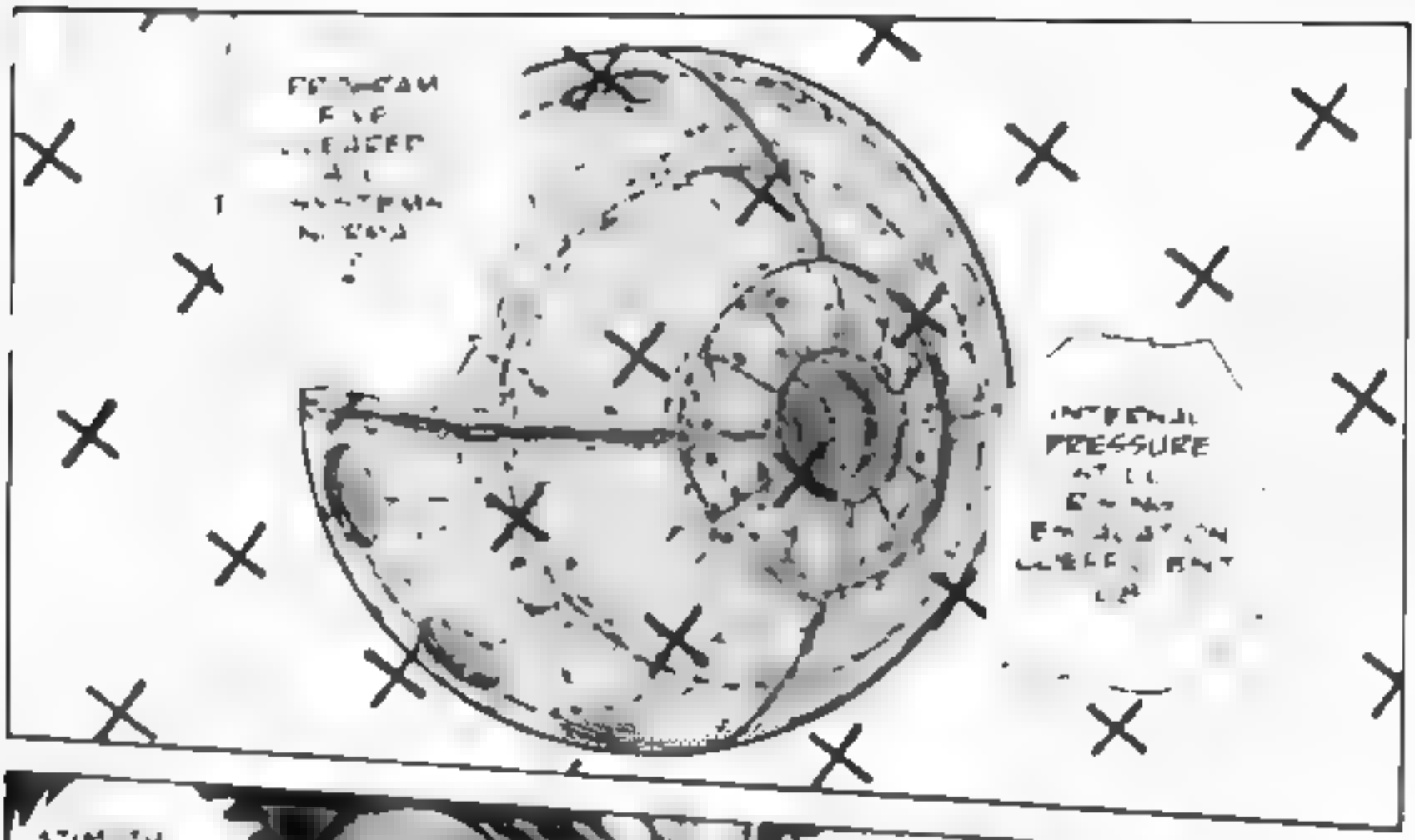
I'D HATE TO MISS YOUR LAST WHIMPERING STRUGGLE
SO SEE THAT YOU PUT ON A GOOD SHOW!

GRRNGRRNGRRN

GRANGRAN

WELL, GEOBALDI? WHEN DOES THE SHOW BEGIN?
GETTIN TO FIGHT THIS MONSTER
I COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER WAY TO DIE!

GRRNGRRNGRRN


PRESSURE

MARGIN
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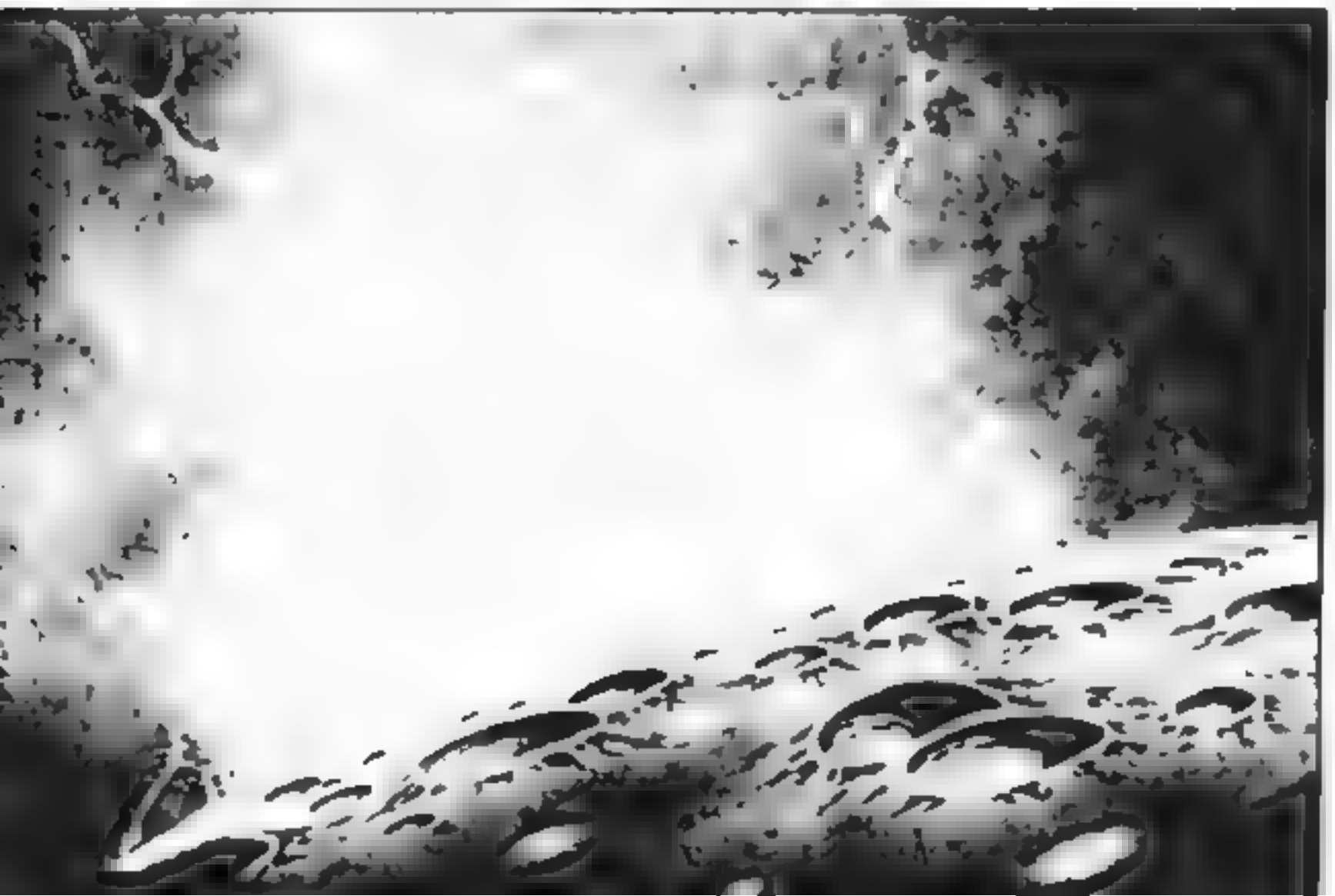
HYPERCORE
COUNTERBALANCER
FUNCTIONS NORMAL!
GUN PLATFORM
STABLE!



SIXTY SECONDS TO DISCHARGE
FIFTY-NINE
FIFTY-EIGHT
ALL PERSONNEL TO YOUR STATIONS! PREPARE FOR ANY EMERGENCY FOLLOWING ENERGY RELEASE!

!
SO.. THEY'VE FINALLY ACTIVATED DOLA
"DOLA" ?
THE ULTIMATE WEAPON SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF BOTH ME AND THE IMPERIAL ARMY AT ONE STROKE
EARTH'S ACE UP THE SLEEVE AS IT WERE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!
DON'T UNDERSTAND, HMM ?
YOU'VE BEEN BETRAYED
WHY ?
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO THEM IF THEY DESTROY THE IMPERIAL FORCES, OR YOU REBELS
AS FAR AS THEY'RE CONCERNED THE ONLY GOOD ALIEN IS A DEAD ALIEN
AND AS FOR YOU, YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A TRATOR
WITH THE ENEMY

"THOSE OF EARTH, LED BY GENERAL TOGO DREW UP A CAREFUL SCENARIO ALL THEIR OWN FIRST TO USE LORD NEO AND ME, AND EVEN YOUR REBEL ARMY, FOR THEIR OWN ENDS."

"THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF THIS SCENARIO— TO ELIMINATE ANYONE WHO ISN'T HUMAN

AND NOW THEY'VE ACTIVATED DOLA, ALL ACCORDING TO PLAN."

HOW COULD THEY DO THIS? I'M NO TRAITOR! MY GOD WHAT HAVE I BEEN FIGHTING FOR ?!

TETSUYA

:SNIFF:

POOR MR TETSUYA !!

THIS WHOLE THING STINKS! EARTHLINGS ARE A BUNCH OF LOUSY SNEAKS !

YOU'RE AN EARTHLING TOO, YOU KNOW.

YEAH WELL SO ?! YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT ALL OUT ON ME!!

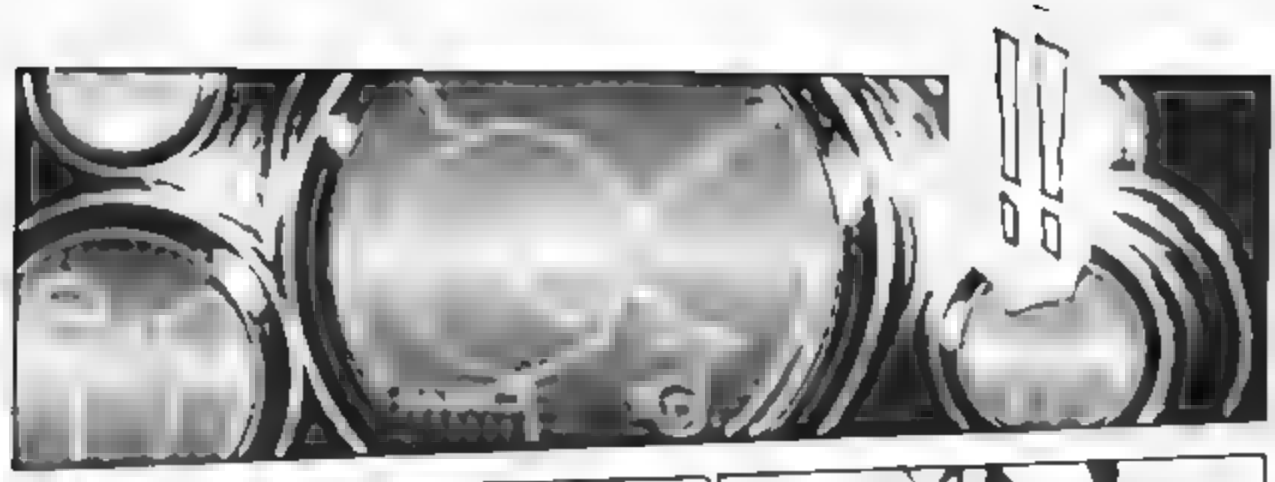
AND JUST WHO ELSE SHOULD I TAKE IT OUT ON ?!

OH QUIT ARGUING YOU TWO I'M FEELING DEPRESSED

AW C'MON SMILE!

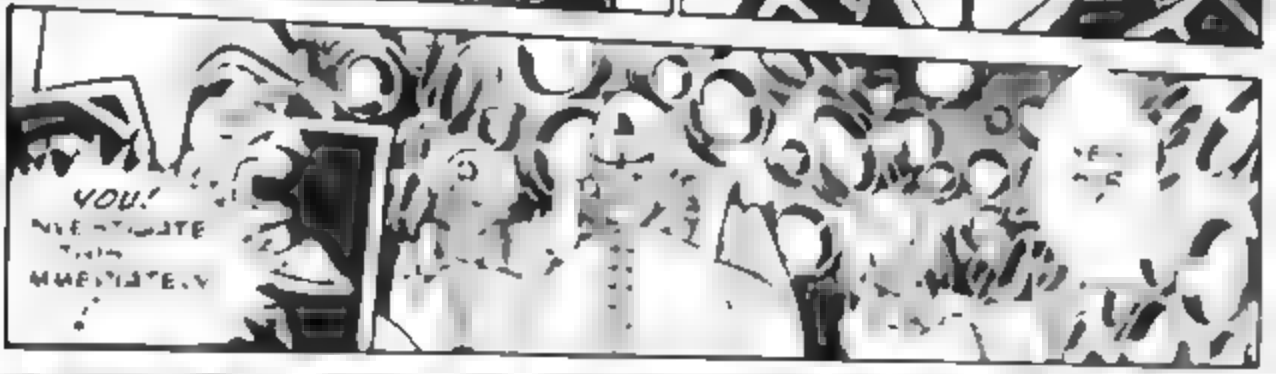
I KNOW VERY WELL HOW YOU FEEL

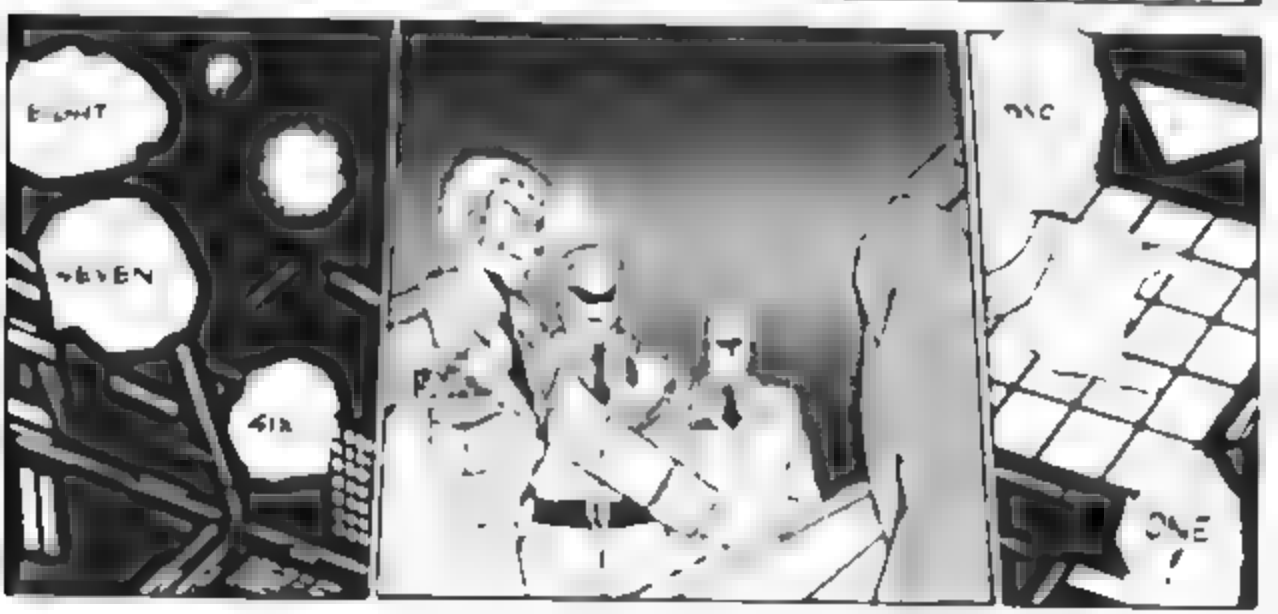
AND I SHALL NEVER FORGIVE THOSE WHO SEEK TO BETRAY ME!!



GENERAL GERULH ?
AN ENORMOUS ENERGY READOUT FROM THE LARGE SATELLITE ORBITING THE SACRED PLANET.

ANALYSIS
A GIGANTIC
WHAT?!


YOU!


SEVEN
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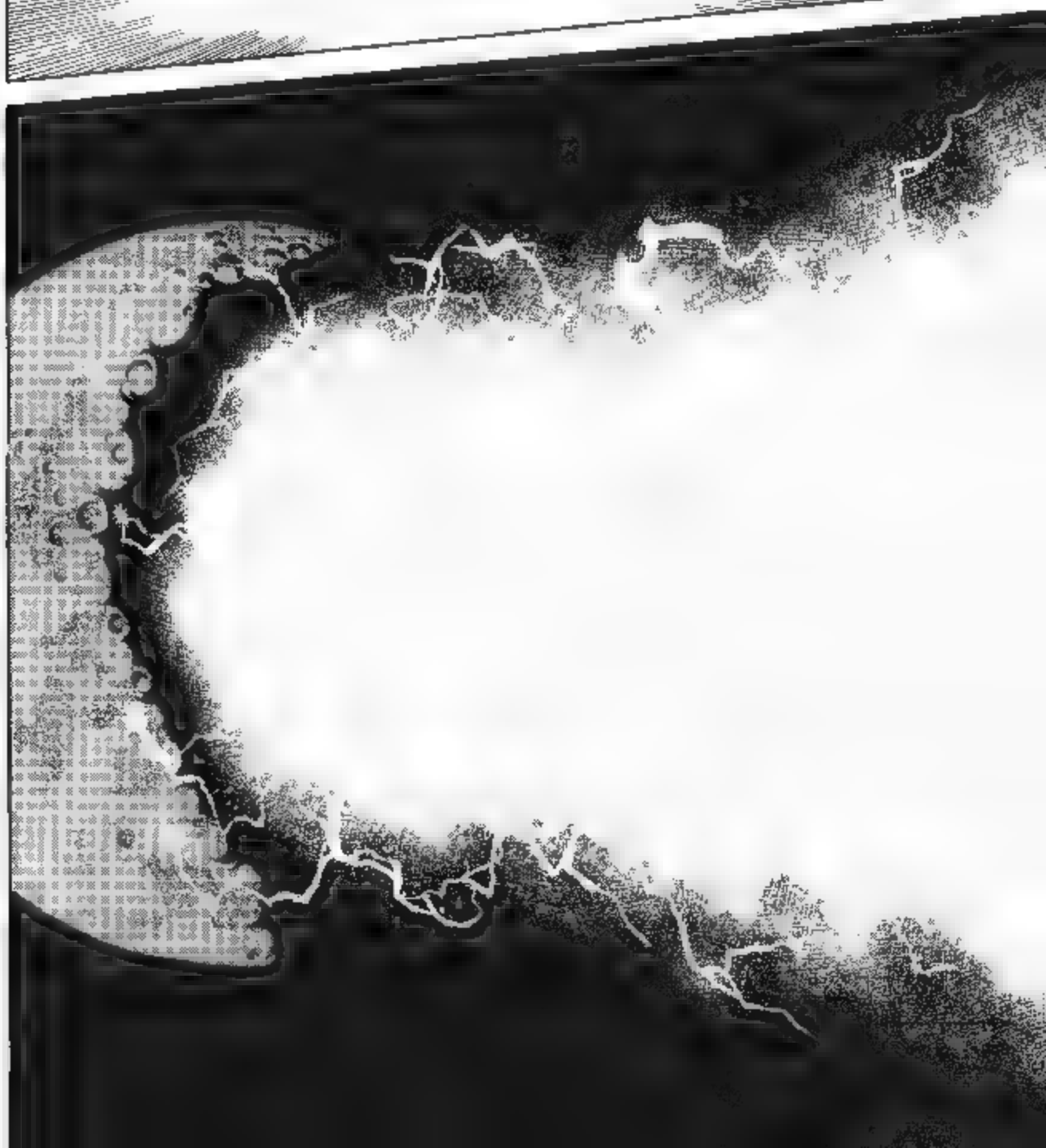
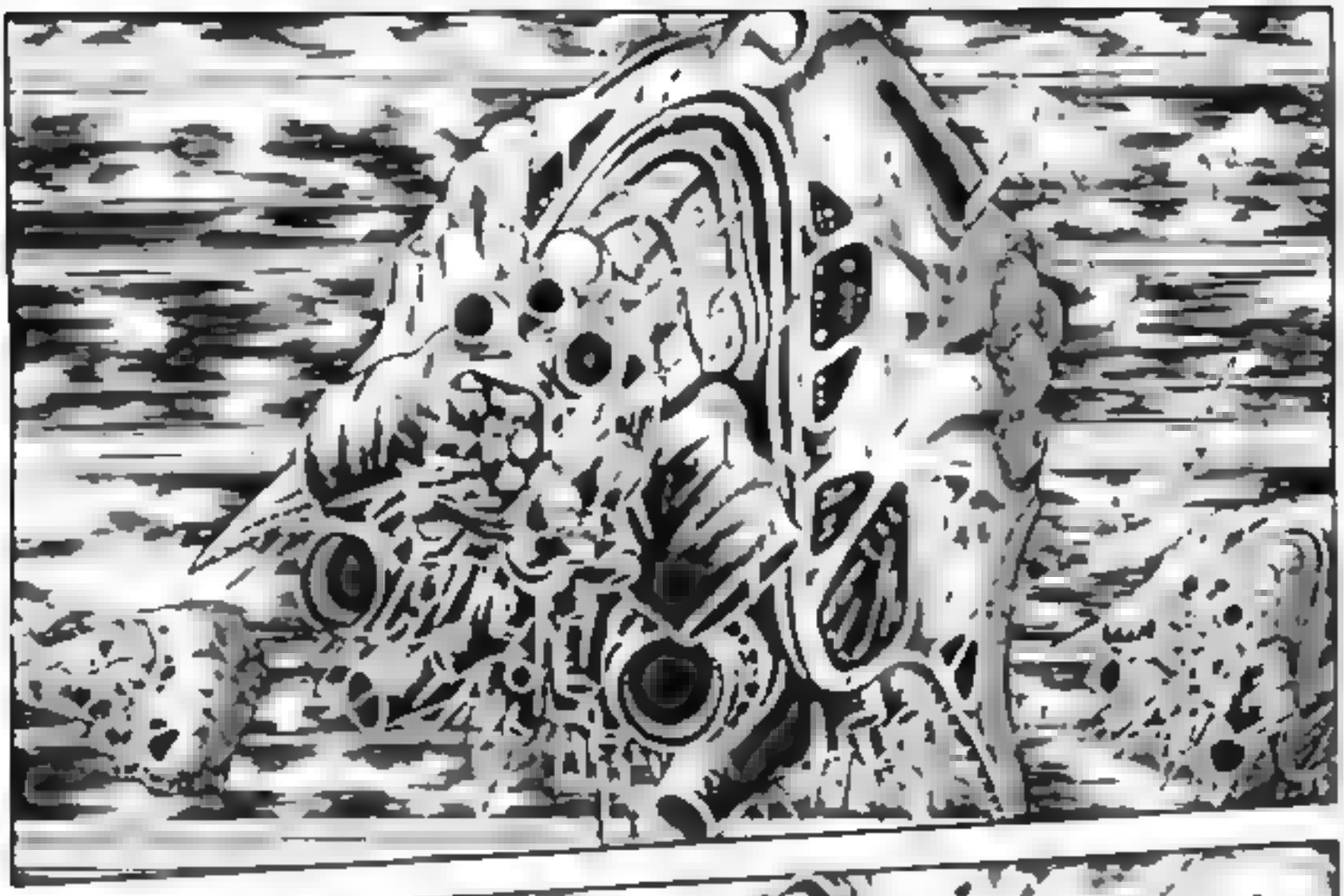
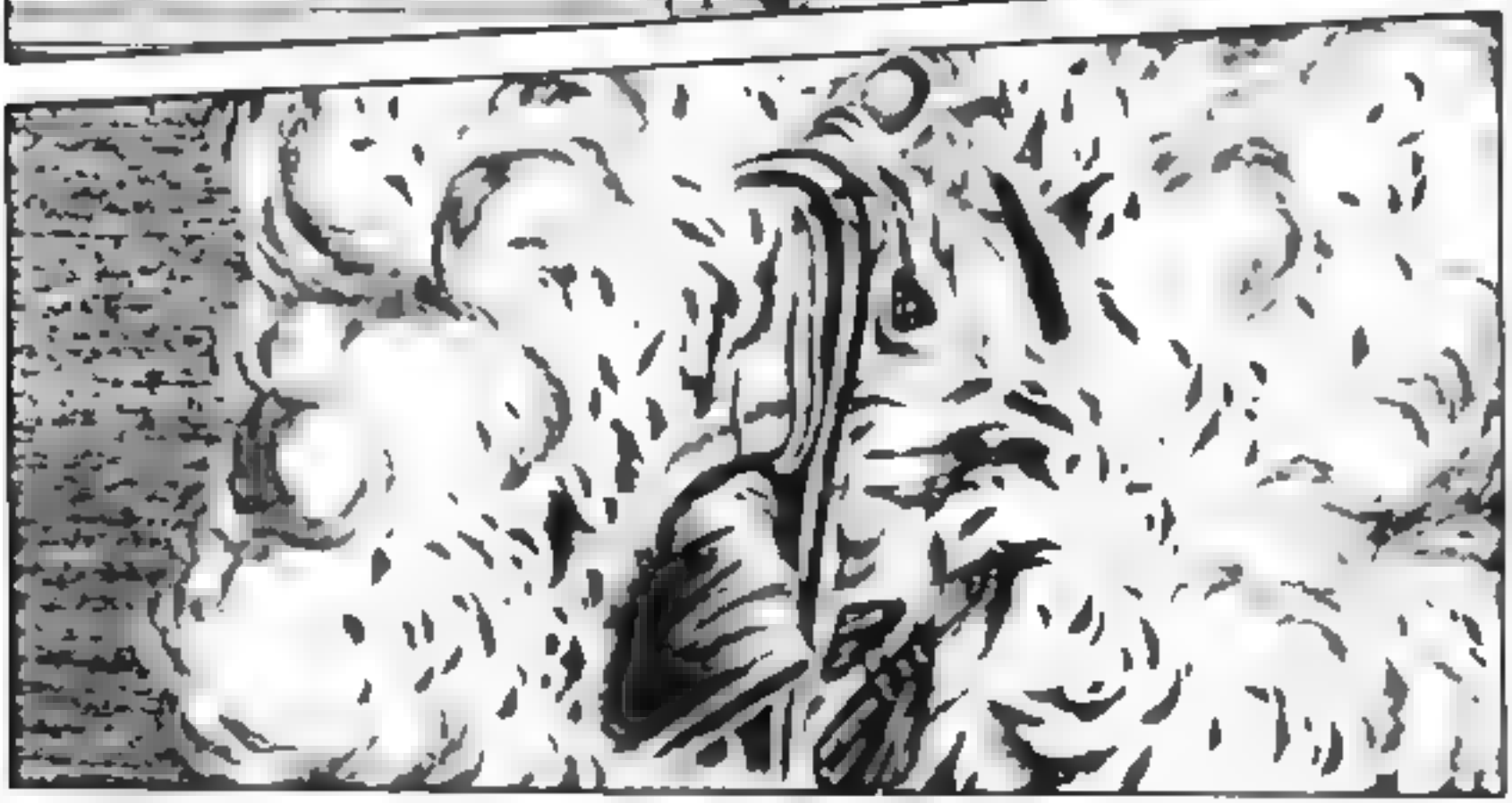
AND NOW
ALL YOU BASTARDS.
DIE !!



BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
FORCE ELEVEN ENERGY WAVE CLOSING ON US GENERAL !!
WE'RE IN THE WAY! IT'S GONNA HIT !!
EVADE!!
AIEEE!

GRRR
KAHH!!
WHOOM





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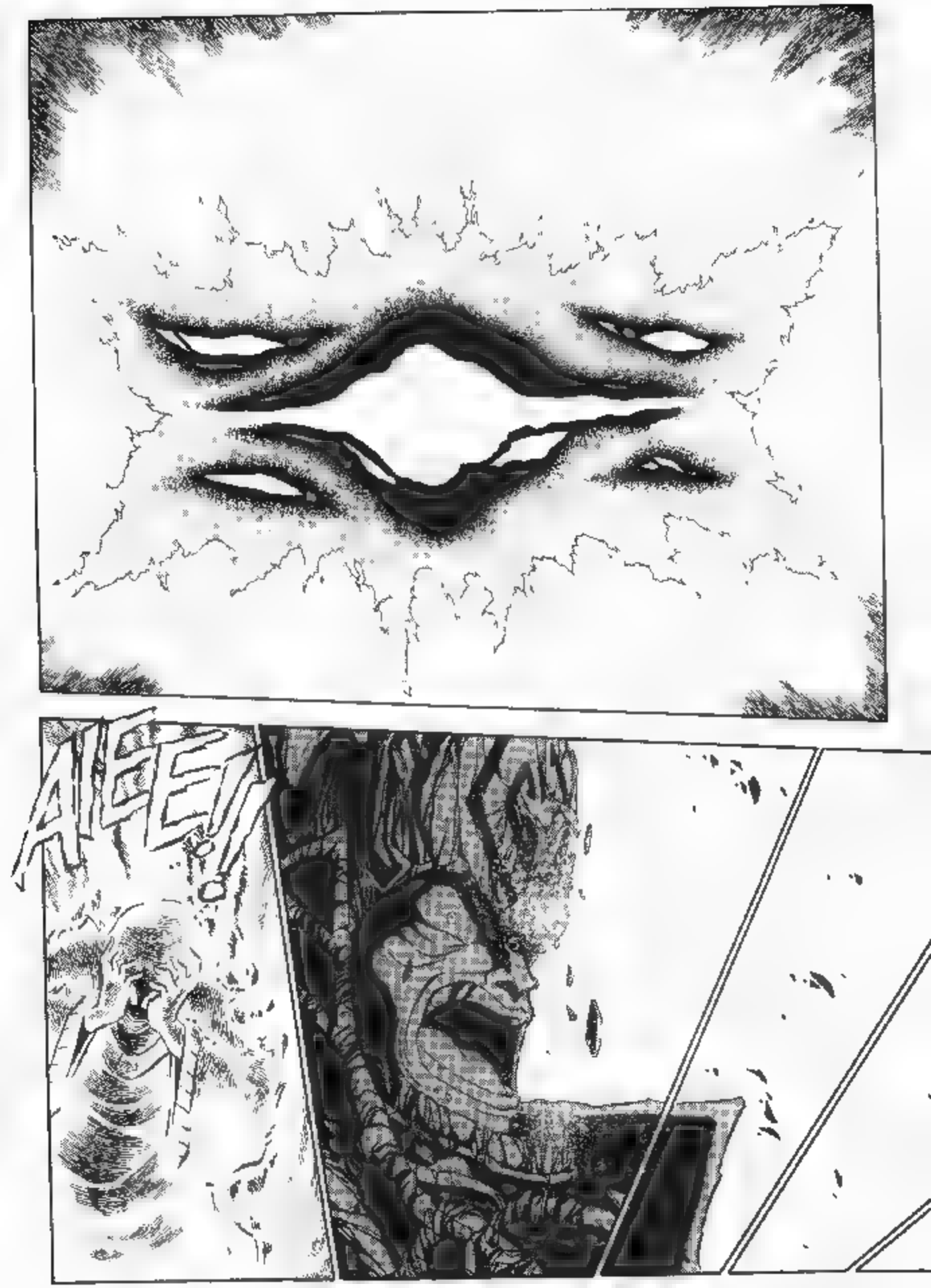
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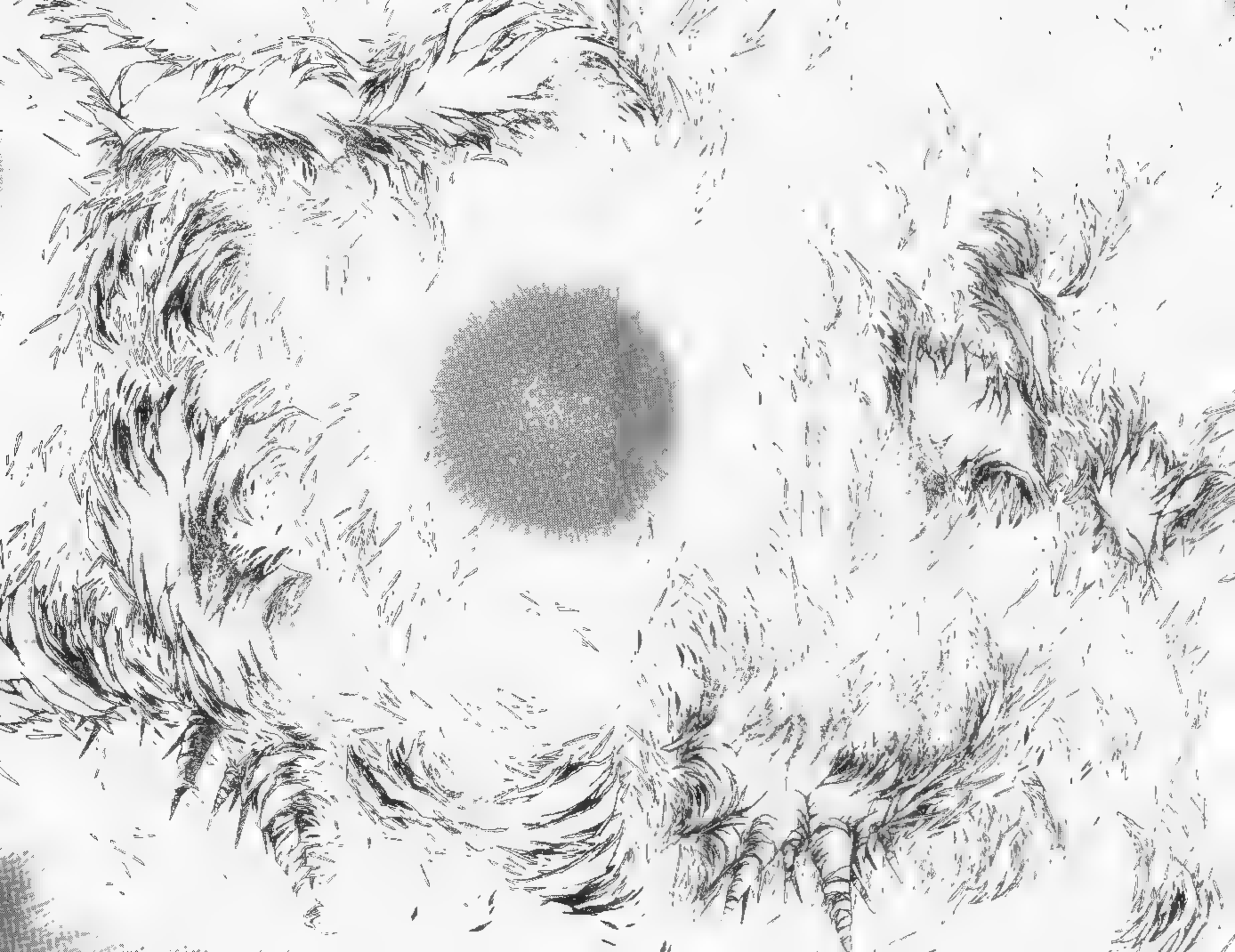


WHOOM!

WE DID IT! WE DID IT !! THE ENEMY FLEET'S BEEN DESTROYED !!

TAKE THAT, YOU GODDAMN ALIENS!

LET'S HEAR IT FOR DOLA !!

NO ENEMY SURVIVORS DETECTED!

CHAIN EXPLOSIONS SPREADING OUTWARDS AT INCREDIBLE SPEED

GENTLEMEN. NOW YOU HAVE SEEN FOR YOURSELVES THE POWER OF DOLA!
WE
WE DID IT!
WE'VE WON!
IT'S INCREDIBLE !!
WE ACTUALLY DEFEATED THEM!
HURRAH!
THREE CHEERS FOR COMMANDER TOGO!
HE SAVED THE HUMAN RACE!
CONGRATULATIONS, COMMANDER! IT'S A FABULOUS VICTORY YOU'VE BEEN VINDICATED!
HMPH! A FABULOUS VICTORY EH?
TRUE VICTORY STILL LIES AHEAD!
CAPTAIN! SCAN FOR SURVIVORS, AND IF YOU FIND ANY, CALL ON THEM TO SURRENDER.
YES SIR!
TELL THEM TO ABANDON THEIR SHIPS AND TURN THEM OVER TO US!

NOW THE REAL BATTLE BEGINS

FIRST WE MAKE THEM COUGH UP THE COORDINATES OF THE IMPERIAL PLANET..

THEN WE SEND DOLA AGAINST THEM--AND THIS TIME, WE PLAY FOR KEEPS!

COMMANDER! TELEPHONE, SIR!

?!

WHO IS IT?

THEY WON'T SAY SIR BUT IT'S ON THE HIGH-SECURITY LINE!

THIS HAD BETTER BE--

YOU MUST BE FEELING PRETTY PLEASED WITH YOURSELF, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TOGO.

WHO IS THIS?! HOW DARE YOU-

GOODNESS, CAN'T YOU EVEN REMEMBER MY VOICE? THE WOMAN YOU JUST TRIED TO KILL?

AND SUCH LOVELY FIREWORKS YOU SENT UP FOR ME, TOO...

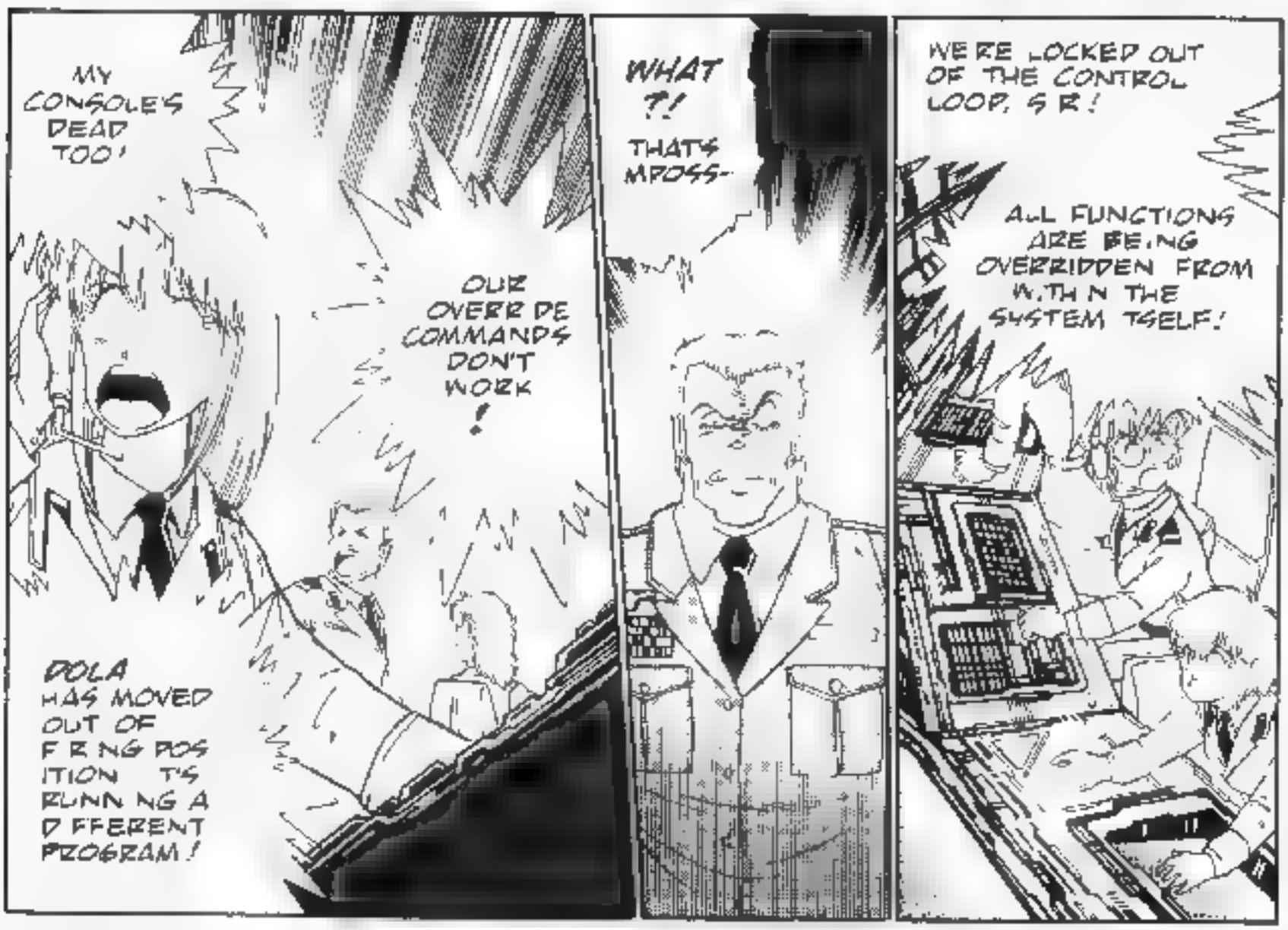
CHING

IS SOMETHING WRONG SIR?
SHOULD WE TRACE THE CALL?

PREPARE A SECOND ATTACK !
WHA-- ?!
THAT WAS AN ORDER!! CONDUCT A SECOND ATTACK IMMEDIATELY !!
BUT SIR THE ENEMY HAS BEEN DESTROYED-
DID YOU HEAR ME? GET BACK TO YOUR STATIONS !!
BE READY TO FIRE THE INSTANT PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE!
REACTIVATE THE FIRING PROGRAM !
THAT DAMNED WITCH !

TH S T ME I LL PERSONALLY GUIDE YOU TO HELL !!

HMM ?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS THING ?!
beep
T'S NOT RESPOND-ING AT ALL!


MY CONSOLE'S DEAD TOO!
OUR OVERR DE COMMANDS DON'T WORK !
DOLA HAS MOVED OUT OF F R NG POS ITION T'S RUNN NG A D FFERENT PROGRAM!
WHAT ?! THATS MPOSS-
WE'RE LOCKED OUT OF THE CONTROL LOOP, S R!
ALL FUNCTIONS ARE BE.NG OVERRIDDEN FROM W.TH N THE SYSTEM TSELF!

NNGNNGNNGNN

POSITION UPDATE! PASSING TACTICAL COORDINATES E3 TO J4!
DOLA CROSSING INSIDE THE ORIGINAL ORBIT! STILL CLOSING ON EARTH!
DAMN YOU, JILEHR!
I CANT BELIEVE YOU WOULD NOT WITH EARTH!
WHATEVER IT TAKES, I WANT THE TRACTOR BEAM CUT!!
SCRAM THE REACTOR! USE SHAPED CHARGES ON THE POWER FEEDS! ANYTHING!!
VREEEE

GNN
GNN
GNN
GNN
GNN
GNN
BEAM STILL AT FULL POWER !!
THAT--THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! WE CUT ALL POWER!!
COMMANDER! THE TRACTOR BEAM IS INCREASING IN STRENGTH !
SOME FORCE HAS TAKEN OVER THE CONTROLS SOMETHING FROM THE OUTSIDE... AN UNKNOWN TYPE OF ENERGY SIR!
SIR! LATEST CALCULATIONS PUT EARTH/MOON IMPACT IN 52 MINUTES!!
DAMN YOU. !!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON, TOGO ?!

IS POLA GOING TO CRASH INTO THE EARTH ?!

ALL RIGHT, YAMASHITA!! HOW DO WE STOP THIS? DO SOMETHING !!

I. I. I CAN'T

IT'S NOT--

DON'T PANIC, YOU FOOLS!!

WE ANT CIPATED POSSIBLE MACH NE TROUBLE!

IF WE REMAIN CALM AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION WE CAN AVERT THIS CRISIS! BUT ONLY IF WE REMAIN CALM!

YAMASHITA! ACTIVATE THE PROGRAM DIAGNOSTICS FUNCTION!

WE MUST REGAIN CONTROL OF POLA, AT ALL COSTS!

OF COURSE, SIR, BUT--

I'M TIRED OF EXCUSES, YOU COWARD! DO IT NOW OR I'LL HAVE YOU SHOT!

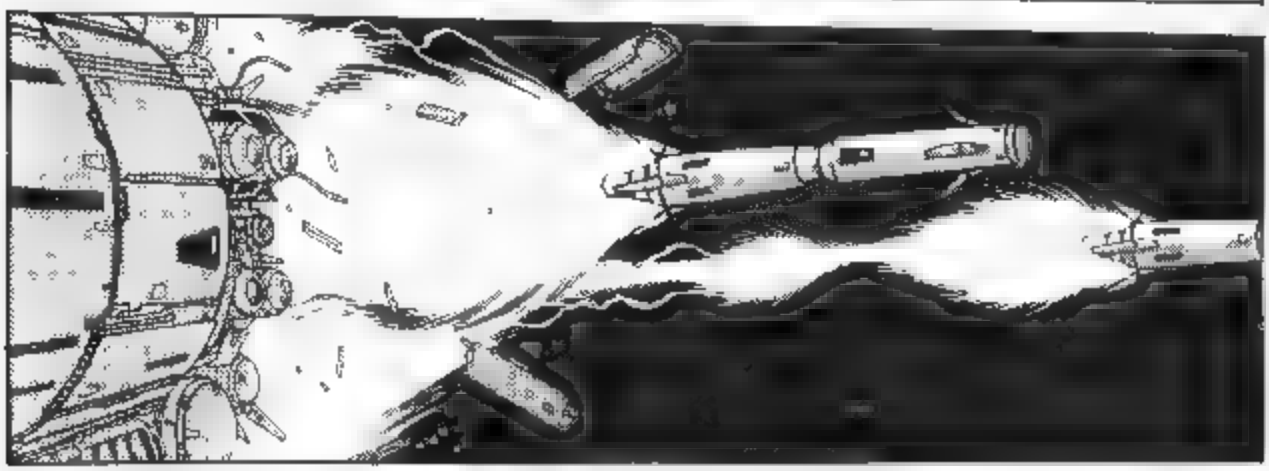
Y-YES, SIR !

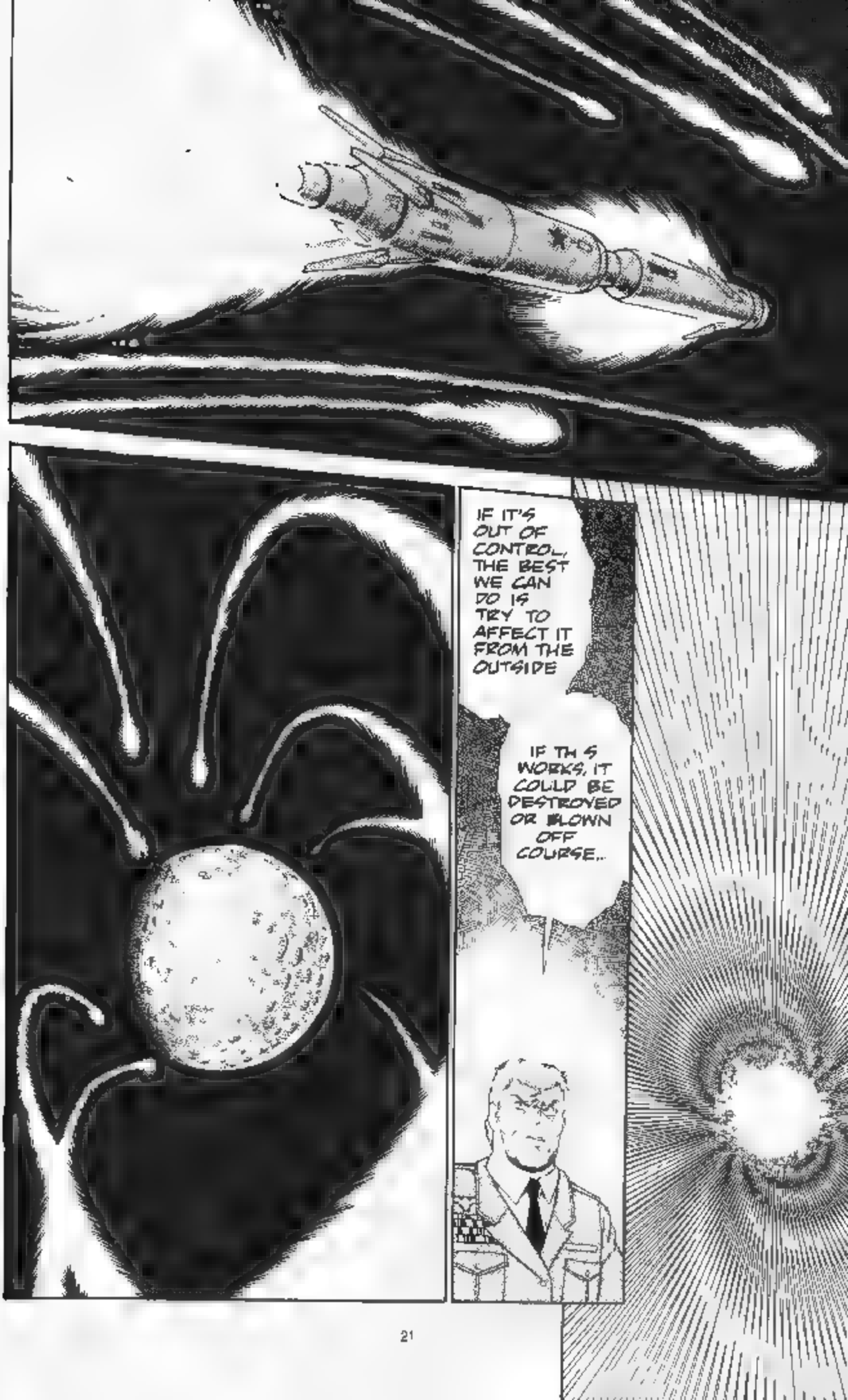
THIS IS TOGO! GET ME AIR DEFENSE COMMAND!

UN UN UN UN

ISSUE ORDERS TO ALL BATTLE SATELLITES IN DOLA'S PATH! TARGET ALL WARHEADS ON DOLA!!
DON'T ARGUE WITH ME!! FIRE IN THREE SALVOES! PLACE ALL WARHEADS ON THE SAME COORDINATES!

YOU'RE GOING TO DESTROY DOLA?!
IF WE CAN BLOW IT APART WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE DANGER IS OVER

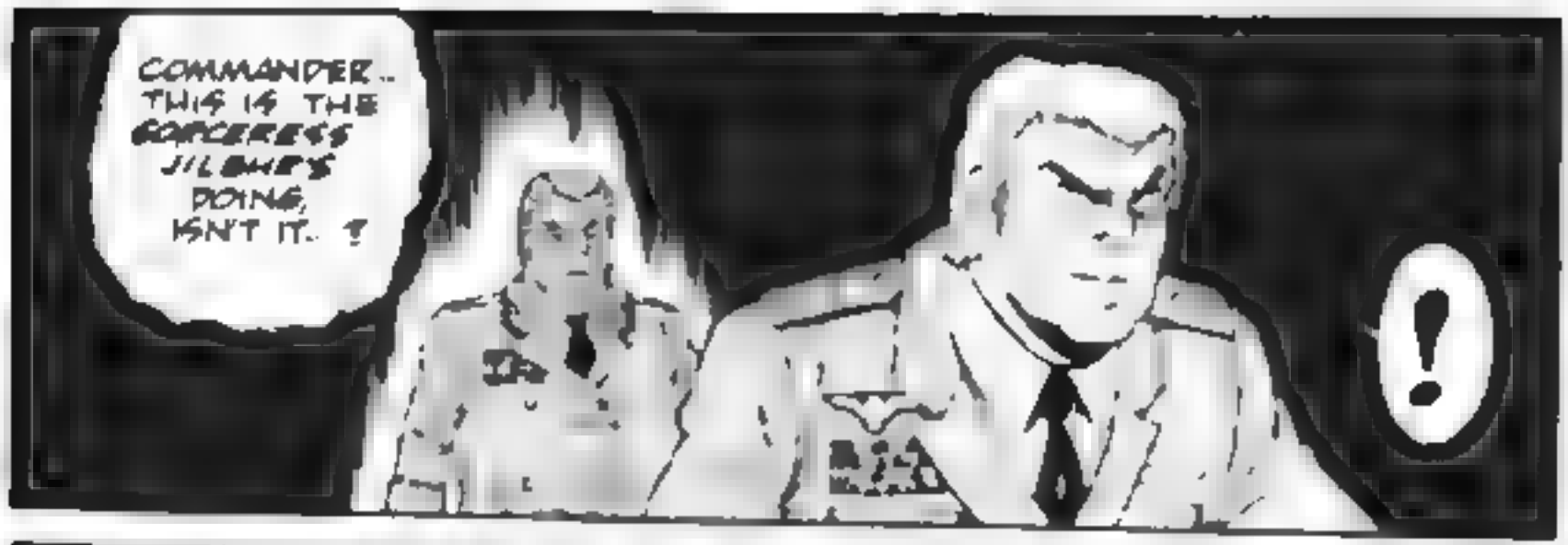



IF IT'S OUT OF CONTROL, THE BEST WE CAN DO IS TRY TO AFFECT IT FROM THE OUTSIDE
IF THIS WORKS, IT COULD BE DESTROYED OR BLOWN OFF COURSE...

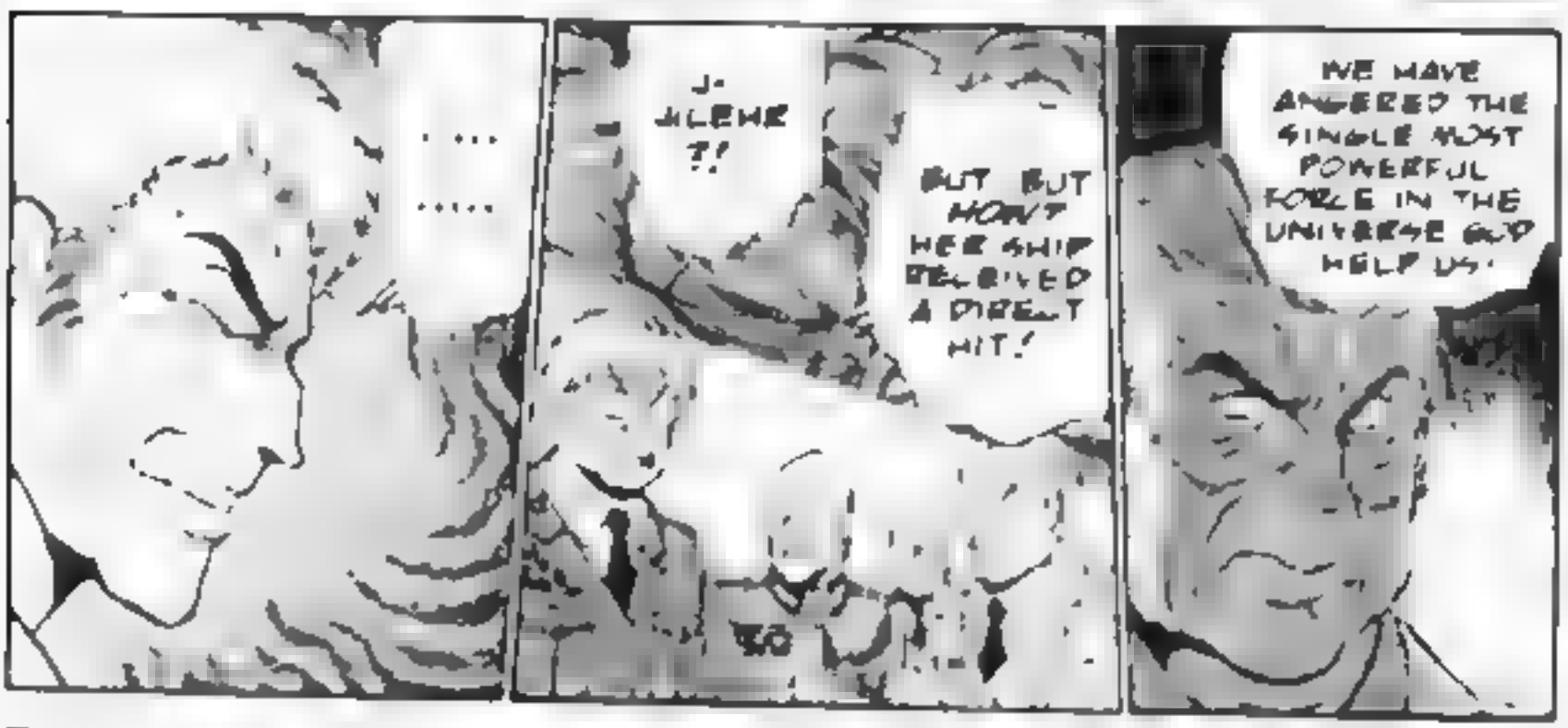
NO EFFECT AT ALL?!
BUT WE FIRED HUNDREDS OF THEM !!

STILL ACCELERATING! 27 MINUTES TO IMPACT!

DAMN YOU, JILEHR!
YOU FREAK YOU MONSTER!


COMMANDER.. THIS IS THE SORCERESS JILEWE'S DOING, ISN'T IT..?
!

SHE'S STILL ALIVE, SOMEWHERE OUT THERE
I'M RIGHT AREN'T I?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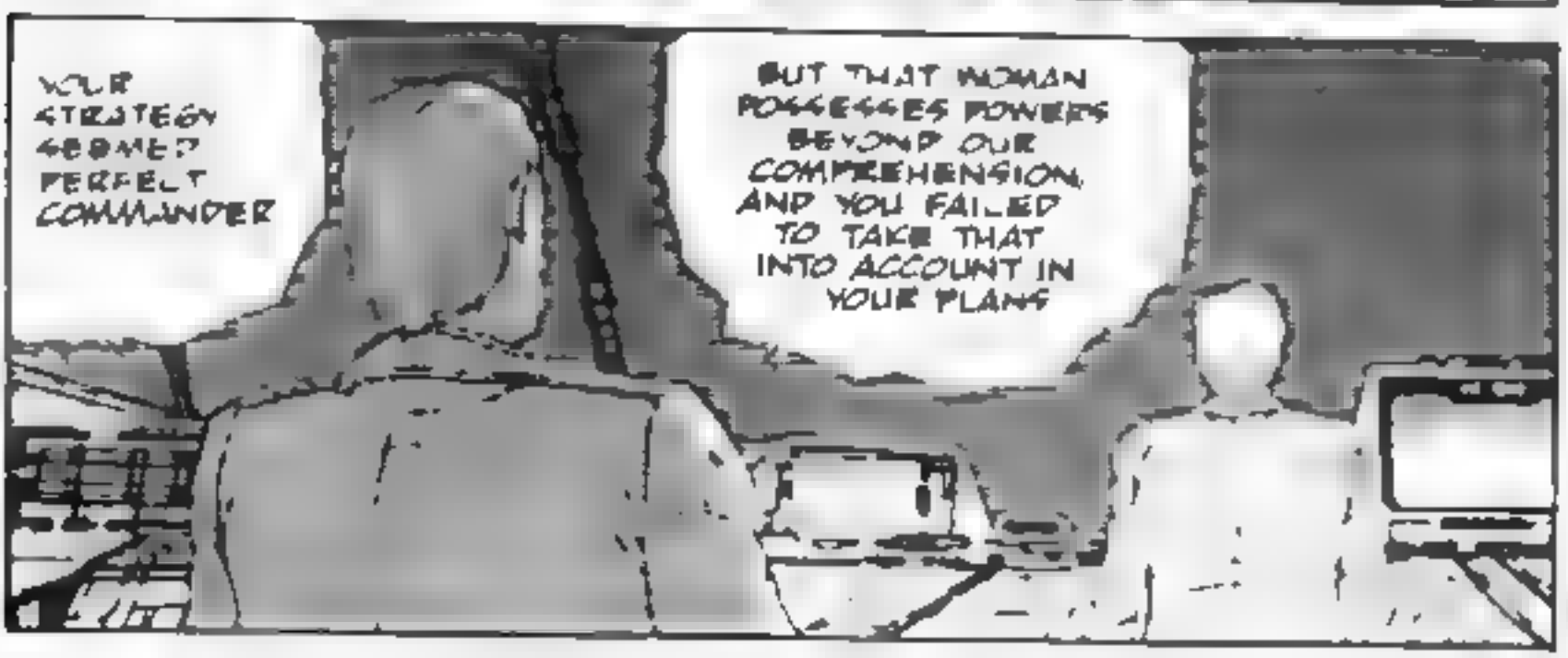
J-JILEWE?!
BUT BUT HON'T HER SHIP RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT!
WE HAVE ANGERED THE SINGLE MOST POWERFUL FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE GOD HELP US!


YOUR STRATEGY SEEMED PERFECT COMMANDER
BUT THAT WOMAN POSSESSES POWERS BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION AND YOU FAILED TO TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT IN YOUR PLANS

TO JILEHR, THIS PLANET IS WORTHLESS— A FLYSPECK IN THE GALAXY.
AND NOW THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO STOP HER NOTHING AT ALL.
MY GOD! NO!!
IT WOULD SEEM THAT YOU--YOU WHO WERE THE CLOSEST TO HER OF ALL OF US-- LEAST APPRECIATED HER POWER
YOU LOSE, TOGO.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!! NO, NO, NO!!
SON OF A BITCH!! WE'RE ALL DEAD!

SHUT UP!! SHUT UP, ALL OF YOU!
WE AREN'T FINISHED YET!
WE STILL HAVE TIME!
I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'LL LET SOME WITCH DEFEAT THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE!!
BROTNIKOV! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
I'M REPORTING TO MOSCOW, TOGO
DESPITE YOUR BLEATING, WE ALL KNOW WHAT LIES AHEAD. I OWE MY COMRADES THE CONSIDERATION OF A WARNING!
STOP! STOP! THAT IS AN ORDER!!
MR CHAIRMAN? THIS IS BROTNIKOV.
PLEASE, SIR, I MUST ASK YOU TO LISTEN CAREFULLY OPERATION PHOENIX HAS FAILED TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES
IM AFRAID THAT AS A RESULT, THE END HAS COME FOR THE HUMAN RACE.. INDEED, FOR OUR ENTIRE PLANET.
PLEASE SIR YOU MUST BELIEVE ME EVERYTHING IS OVER

GNNGNNGNNGNN
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT BROTNIKOV? I'M GETTING REPORTS ABOUT THE MOON LEAVING ORBIT EXPLAIN YOURSELF!
SIR, I'M AFRAID THERE JUST ISN'T TIME TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING COMMANDER TOGO--
BLAM
BLAM

WHAT WAS THAT?! BROTNIKOV?
BROTNIKOV !?
Y-YOU DAMNED DEFEATIST!

ARE THERE ANY MORE OF YOU LOUSY, STINKING DEFEATISTS HERE?!

I'VE SACRIFICED EVERYTHING FOR THIS DREAM!! EVERYTHING, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?! MY FAMILY! MY COUNTRY!

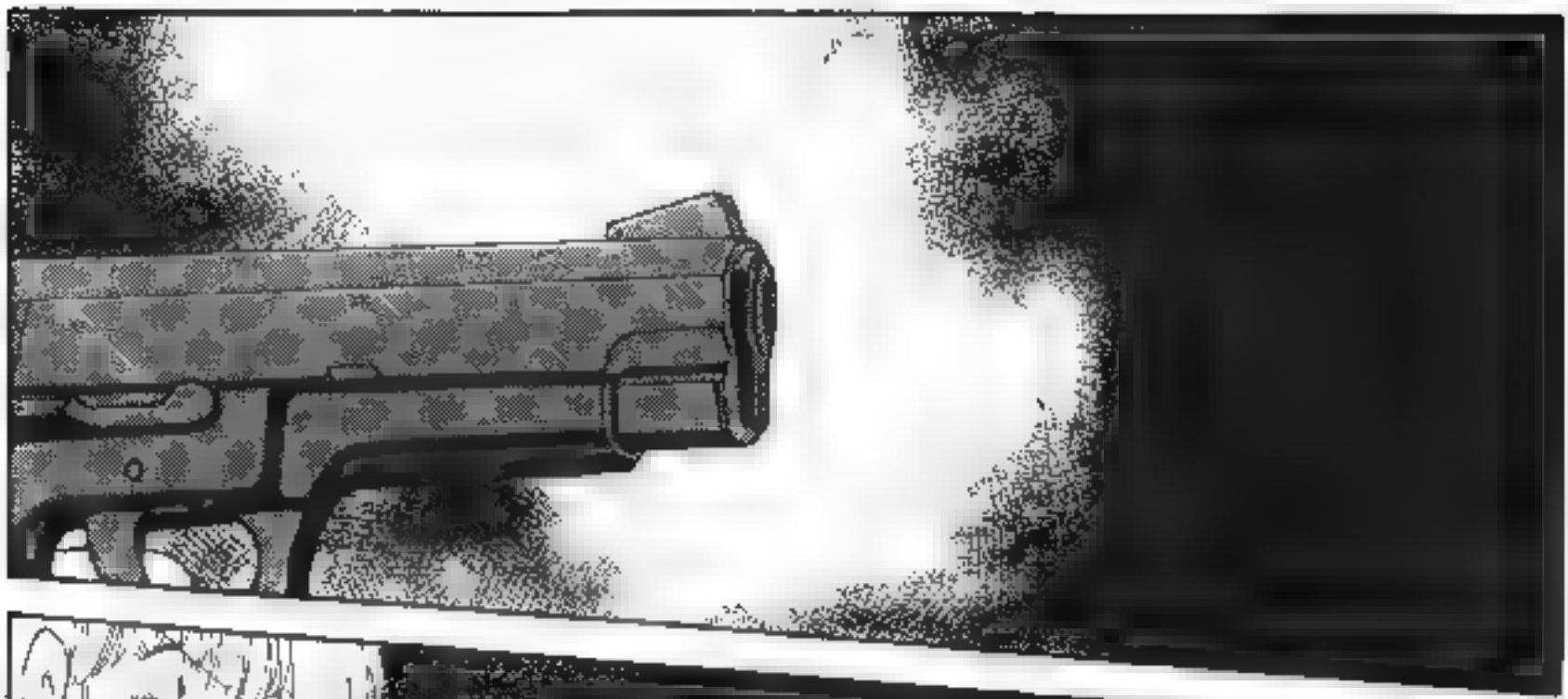
I'LL NEVER GIVE UP! NOT FOR THIS-- NOT FOR ANYTHING !!

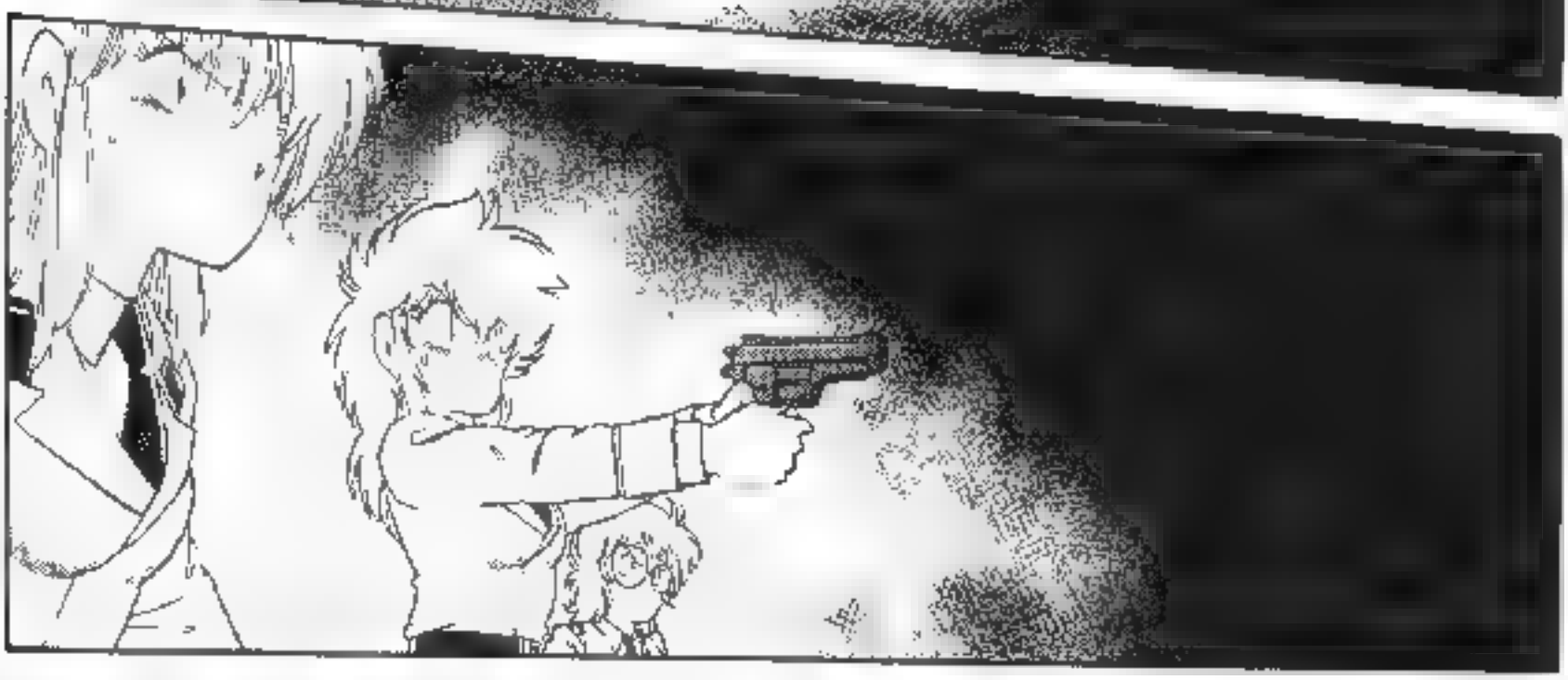
I AM INVINCIBLE !!

I SHALL RULE THE GALAXY! YOU'LL SEE!! I--

BLAM BLAM

BLAM



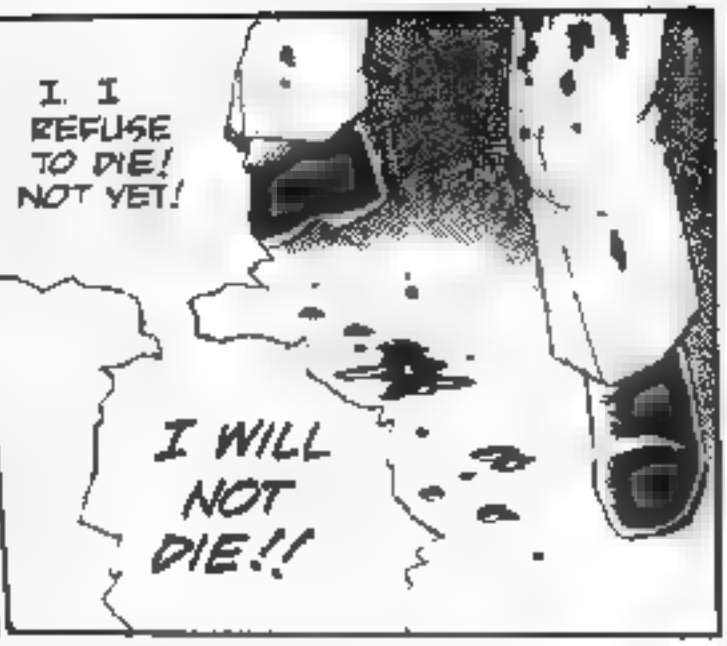


YOU...
YOU FILTHY—

YOU'RE NOT TAKING US WITH YOU!
YOU'RE INSANE!!

DREAM ALL YOU WANT IN HELL!!
JUST LEAVE US OUT OF IT!!

SILENCE! YOU THINK SUCH AS YOU CAN COMPREHEND MY DREAM?!
MY DREAM !!

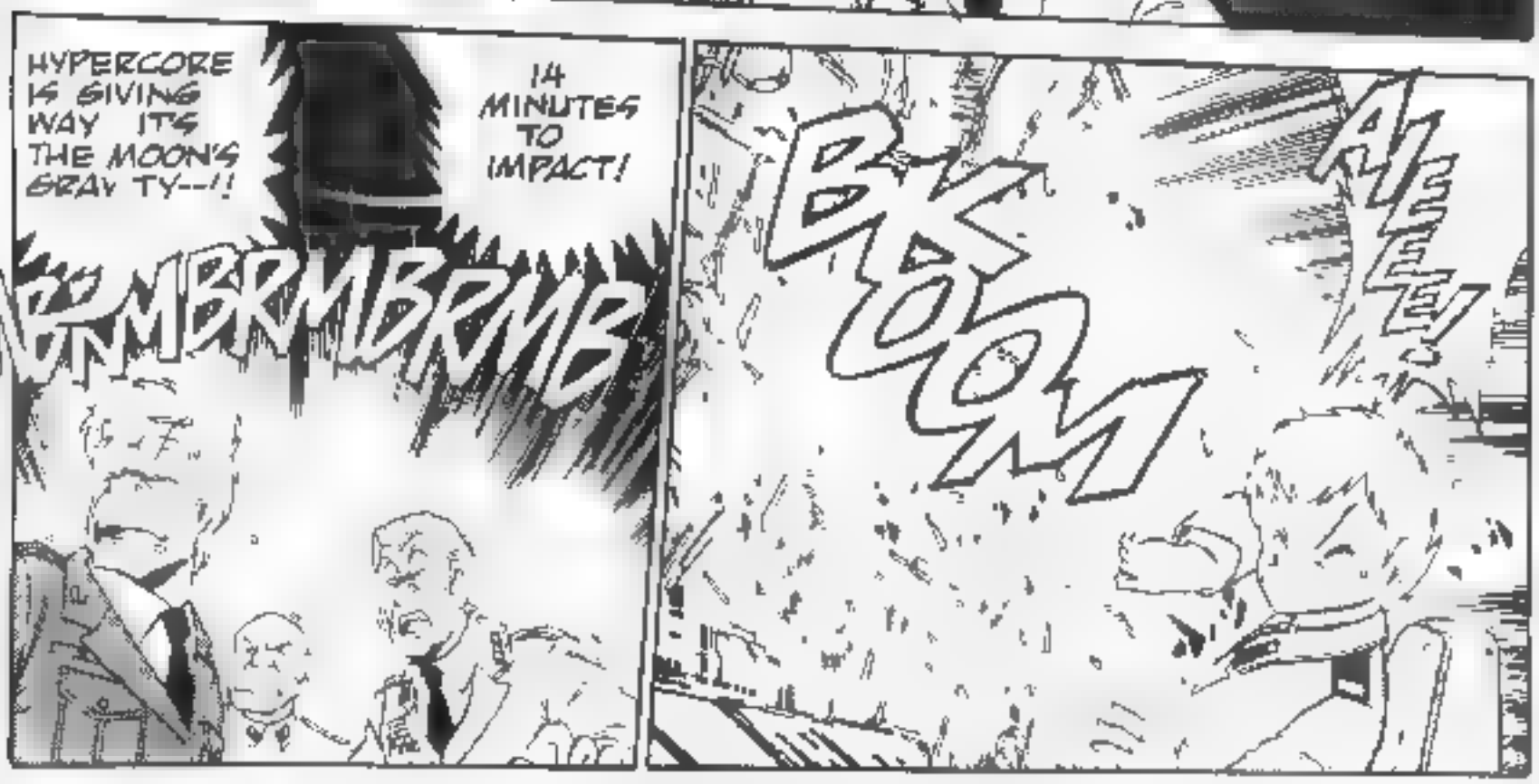

I, I REFUSE TO DIE! NOT YET!
I WILL NOT DIE!!

WHEN I DIE, THE HOPE OF THE EARTH DIES WITH ME!!
BLAM

MY DREAM

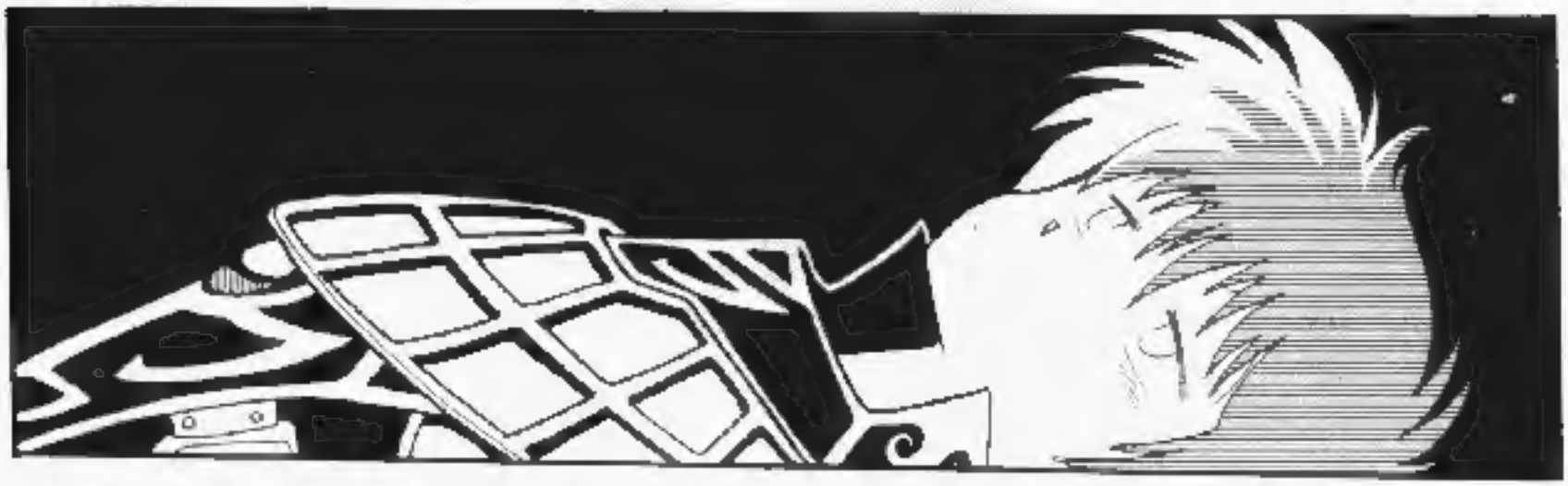
MY

!?
GNNGNNG
GNN


HYPERCORE IS GIVING WAY IT'S THE MOON'S GRAV TY--!!
14 MINUTES TO IMPACT!
MBRMBRMBRMB
BOOM
AIEEE!

I DONT WANT TO DIE !!
GNN GNN GNN GNN
EVERYONE !! GET TO THE BOMB SHELTER !!
SKRAKK
AIEEE
WHROOM
RMBRMBRMBRM

IT'S OVER!! THE EARTH AND THE MOON ARE BREAKING UP!!
GNN
GNN
GNN
GNN
GNN
THE EARTH IS FINISHED !!



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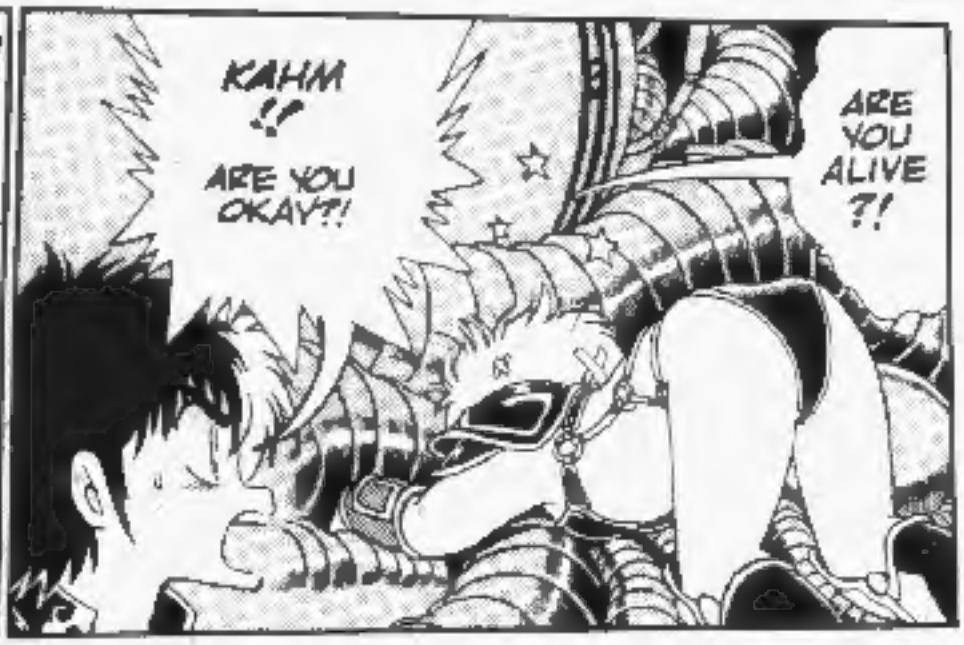

KAHM!! ARE YOU OKAY?!
ARE YOU ALIVE?!

OWWWE... I BAGGED BY NODE AGAIN...!
RAISA!! NAO!!

MOAN...
THANK GOD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?
EVERYTHING WENT WHITE, THEN...

ALL AWAKE, ARE YOU...?
!!

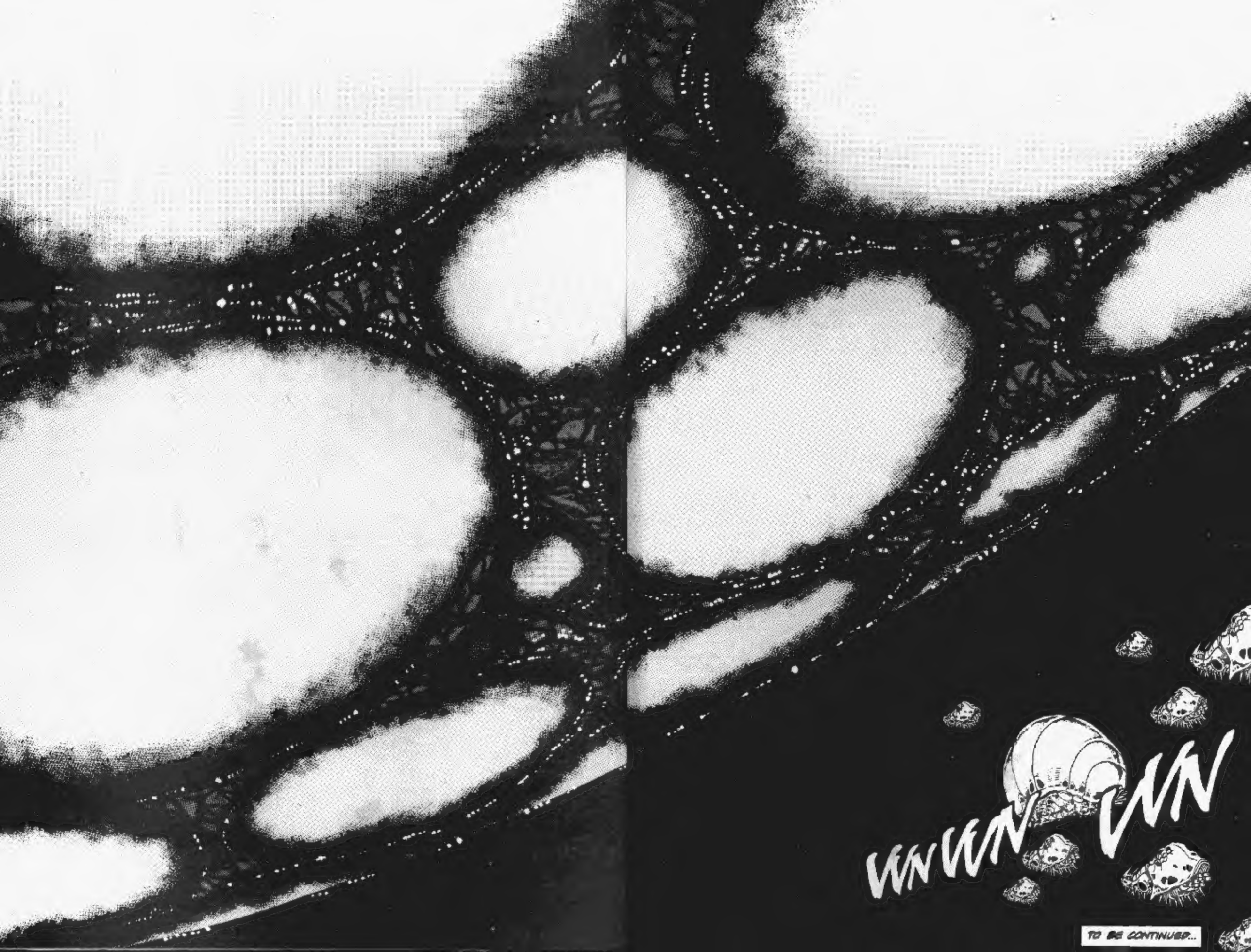
FEELING FINE?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "FEELING FINE?"...!? I BANGED MY NOSE!!

HEY, ISN'T IT AWFULLY QUIET...? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BATTLE?

GOOD HEAVENS, PRINCESS... DO YOU SUPPOSE COMMANDER GEORALD! AND LADY BATTIA ARE ALL RIGHT?
GOOD QUESTION! I'LL CHECK, RIGHT NOW!

YES, YOU SHOULD... IT'S A NICE VIEW OUTSIDE.
IT SHOULD REMIND YOU OF... HOME.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